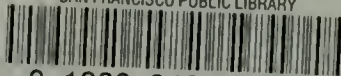


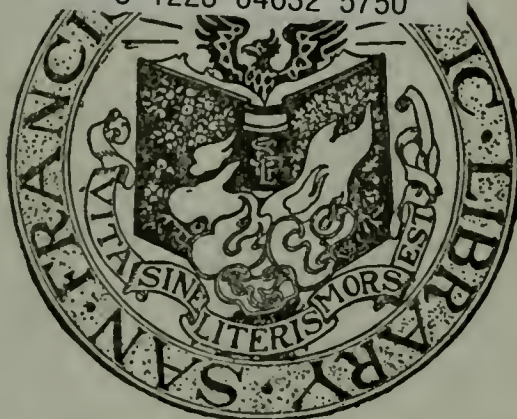
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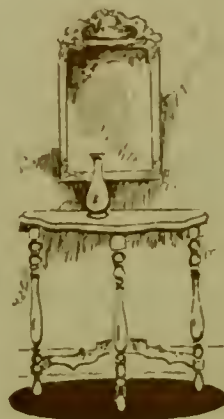
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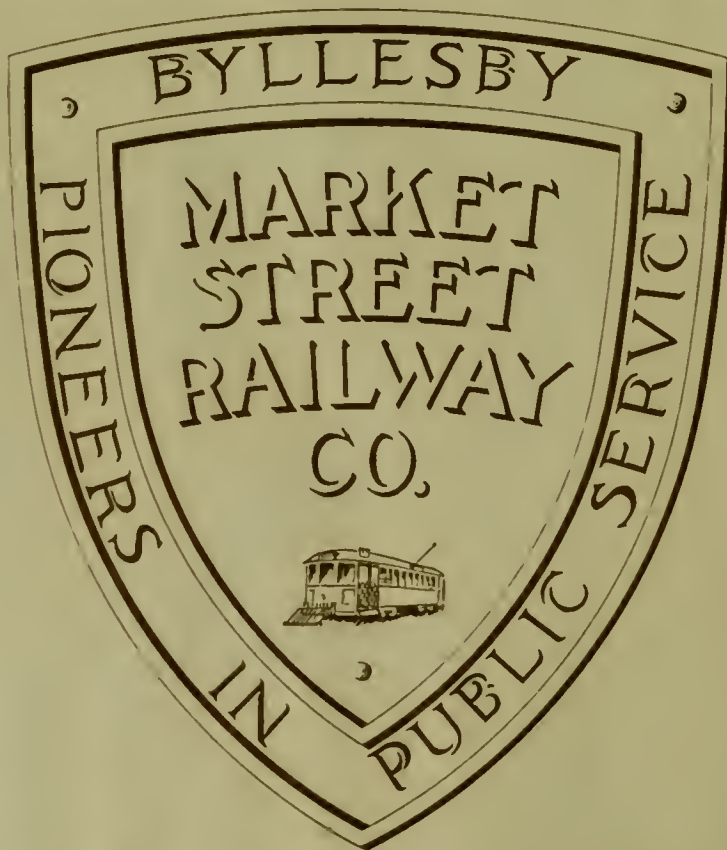
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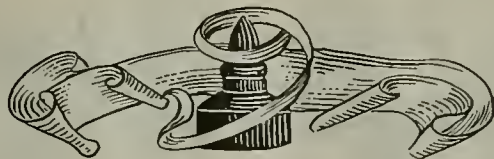
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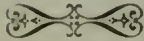
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Policy and Purpose

ALL things are created to be of use in the universal scheme of things, even man himself, and unless that usefulness is manifested creation usually rids itself of the incubus.

The Municipal Employee, of which this is the first issue, is created because it sees a distinct field of usefulness both to the city at large and to the individuals for which it is published. The enthusiasm of its welcome to the field of publications in San Francisco is proof of official recognition that it is needed.

It is fitting that in this first issue the Municipal Employee should clearly state its purpose and its pol-

icy. As its title indicates it is published for the benefit of the employees of the City of San Francisco, to give them an organ of expression, to help unify them, to help make them better acquainted with each other and with each other's lives and problems. In this it makes for cooperation and efficiency. It helps in the promotion of understanding, of loyalty and of good will. This is the service to which it dedicates itself.

The Municipal Employee has no politics and is not interested in the personal ambitions of anyone. It IS interested in everything that makes for the good of the city at large and it is vitally interested in the needs and in the lives of those who form the army of ten thousand or more employees.

In addition to its departments dedicated to employees in the various divisions of the city government, it will record the activities of the city and the progress of municipal affairs. In special articles, written by the men best qualified to speak, it will give from month to month an accurate picture of the progress of the city in those great undertakings in which it is engaged and will thus supply a need, not filled by any other publication, which will be welcomed by the thinking citizen even though he is not a municipal employee.

The Municipal Employee believes that San Francisco stands upon the edge of an era of unprecedented growth. It is already engaged in gigantic engineering tasks and is preparing to launch upon other improvements of equal weight. Its progress in municipal ownership is making governmental history. In other words, it is a great city with great problems and it is handling them in a way to attract the attention of the world. The Municipal Employee hopes to be of service in the inevitable execution of these plans and to have a part in the daily lives of the army of men and women who will be a part of the work.

The importance of this task, inadequately expressed here, is recognized by executives at the helm of the city government, as the voluntary endorsements on the previous page attest. The Municipal Employee faithfully undertakes to maintain the high standard here outlined, to keep its columns free from personal bias, to be fair to both sides in any controversy involving civic problems but reserves the right to express its own opinions on its editorial page.

The Proposed Utilities Commission

By JOHN J. O'TOOLE
City Attorney

SAN FRANCISCO is committed by the provisions of her charter to the ownership of her public utilities, and almost from the inception of her Charter Government she has made consistent effort to carry



JOHN J. O'TOOLE

out the spirit of this commitment. The first of the utilities to come under public ownership was the Geary Street railroad which was constructed in 1912. The extension and growth of the municipally-owned railroads are too well known to call for comment here. Suffice it to say that, from the single line of 1912, it has grown, until, today, it is the largest municipally-

owned system in the United States.

While our Charter from the beginning has committed the people to municipal ownership, but little provision was made for the handling of these utilities when they should be acquired. At present this duty devolves upon the Board of Public Works, and, with the multifarious duties which a growing city has thrust upon this body, little time is left to it for the care of the utility branch of our Government.

Commission Idea Born

The possibility of the early acquisition of the Spring Valley Water Company's storage and distribution system, forcibly brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors the necessity of adopting a more flexible plan for the handling of our utilities, and without any intention to reflect in any way upon the department of our government which now has control of them, the city attorney was directed to prepare an amendment to our Charter which would provide for a commission to have control of water, power, light and transportation utilities.

After making a study of the system in vogue in other cities, and after consultation with representatives of many of the foremost civic organizations of our city, the city attorney, on May 16th of the present year, presented a Charter amendment embodying a complete plan for the handling of these important matters. The proposed amendment was unanimously adopted by the board, and will be voted on by the people at the general election in 1928, this being the earliest date available under the provisions of the state constitution.

Removed From Politics

In preparing the amendment it was the idea of the city attorney that a utility commission should be one whose personnel would be as far removed from politi-

cal influence as possible, but would at all times be answerable to the people for the faithful administration of the important trust vested in it. Therefore, the amendment provides for a commission of three members, to be appointed by the mayor for a six-year term, one member retiring every two years. The appointments must be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors, and the salaries are fixed at twenty dollars per meeting, and must not exceed two thousand dollars per year, for each member.

The powers of the commission are extremely broad, being practically the same as a board of directors would have over the affairs of any privately-owned utility. It is untrammelled by any other department of the municipal government, and its members are therefore directly responsible to the people for their stewardship. It may fix rates and make extensions, and in general, use its own revenues as it deems best, provided of course, that the revenues of one utility cannot be used for the benefit of another.

People Retain Control

When extensions or improvements are to be made from funds other than those derived from revenue, either the Board of Supervisors or the people themselves must give their approval before the extension or improvement can be made. The members of the commission are not expected to devote their entire time to the work of the commission. The active management of affairs is to be in the hands of a manager and sub-managers.

The plan adopted has given satisfaction in other cities where it is in effect, and there is every reason to believe that it will insure to the people of San Francisco an economical, careful and businesslike handling of her utilities. The passage of the amendment by the Board of Supervisors undoubtedly did much to aid the bond issue for the purchase of the Spring Valley System, presented to the people for approval on June 14, even though the issue failed of the necessary two-thirds because of the light vote cast.

To the City Employee

THIS magazine is published for your benefit. Wherever you see an opportunity in which it can be of service to you, not as an individual, but as an employee of the City of San Francisco, we want you to tell us about it. Wherever you see an opportunity for it to make more efficient a service already rendered we want you to tell us about it. It is published in your interest and in the interest of the city itself. With your co-operation it can be made more and more useful as the months go by. It is your friend and companion in your daily tasks and is just as much interested in those tasks as you are yourself.

Stephen J. Roche, former employee of the Board of Works, has joined the firm of William O'Shaughnessy and Company, funeral directors.

The Chinese Playground

By GLADYS ZEHNDER

Director, Chinatown Playground, San Francisco Playground Department

THE Chinese Playground is one more success in civic enterprise to San Francisco's credit. Six months ago when it was opened, the Playground was an experiment and considered by many persons to be a very doubtful one.

The playground idea, of course, has been tried and proved. It is accepted at face value and poor indeed is the community making any pretension to city size that has not one or more playgrounds. But in the Chinese Playground there were new elements to be met, new problems of child psychology to be solved.

In Chinatown we have a small and closely restricted

to be disposed of. How would the Chinese children take to the community playground idea? There are many subtle and fine-drawn distinctions among the Chinese people. There are family and group traditions, deep-rooted and tenacious. In the streets the children played in groups, not intermingling.

Could those walls be broken down? Would the children lay aside their restrictions and become one playground group, an essential if the playground was to be anything more than a shunned vacant lot?

The experience with Chinese children in the public schools might be taken as a guide. But in the schools



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AMERICANS UNDER THE SKIN. THESE ORIENTAL MAIDS PLAY AMERICAN GAMES AND BURY THEIR ORIENTAL PREJUDICE ON THE CITY PLAYGROUND.

community with certain exotic characteristics that seem to stamp it as a place apart. In the narrow streets of this small area hundreds of children find their only place of recreation. Traffic is highly congested in this district and youngsters dodge about beneath the wheels of passing vehicles, to the distraction of drivers and the despair of the Chinese fathers and mothers.

Extension of the Municipal Playground system to provide a place for these youngsters to play seemed the only logical solution of the problem. The members of the Playground Commission took the matter up with Mayor Rolph. He gave his endorsement to the plan and it was put through. The property on Sacramento street where the playground is located, between Stockton street and Waverly Place, was bought and the playfield and club house was constructed.

But the most serious element of the matter remained

they are obeying the compulsory education law, under authority. They are there complying with an obligation imposed and the school room contact is no more than casual. The playground is in a different category—a place for amusement and recreation with as little restriction and discipline as is consistent with propriety and order.

When Miss Josephine Randall, Superintendent of Activities for the Playground Department, called me in from my playground and told me that I had been chosen to take charge of the Chinatown Playground I felt greatly elated by the distinction. But I also felt a little shaky because the element for failure were so apparent and I realized the ignominy that such failure would entail in a playground whose very novelty brought it into public attention.

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A City Haven in the Sierras

By VEDA B. YOUNG
Secretary Playground Commission

THE San Francisco Playground Commission operates and supervises twenty-five playgrounds which include seven school-yard grounds. In addition to this, it has jurisdiction over the city's summer camp at Mather. The operation of this camp illustrates the significant statement of the late President Emeritus Eliot of Harvard that "The organized summer camp is the most important step in education that America has given the world."

San Francisco's Municipal Camp (Margaret Maryland) is located in the High Sierras, eight miles from the Big Oak Flat Road, nine miles from the O'Shaughnessy Dam, and thirty miles from the world-famous Yosemite Valley. To reach it, one travels over a fascinating stretch of country filled with adventure, history and romance. En route one passes through pioneer country made famous by Bret Harte.

The camp is situated amid incense cedars, virgin pines, fir and spruce, and is flanked by mountains and meadows abounding in wild flowers. The 1927 season marks its fourth successive year.

Between June 12 and August 27, the camp is open for two-week excursions. People are permitted to come in each week according to the following schedule. They may come in their own machines, too, if they wish.

Leave (Sunday)	Return (Saturday)
June 12	July 25
June 19	July 2
June 26	July 9
July 3	July 16
July 10	July 23
July 17	July 30
July 24	Aug. 6
July 31	Aug. 13
Aug. 7	Aug. 20
Aug. 14	Aug. 27

The cost of two weeks' outing is as follows, including transportation, board and lodging: Adults, \$38.50; children, 6 through 11, \$22.50; children, 2 through 5, \$12.00.

For those traveling in their own machines the cost is as follows: Adults, \$28.50; children, 6 through 11, \$17.50; children, 2 through 5, \$12.00. An additional charge of \$5.00 per person is made for special cabins.

The meals are wholesome, appetizing and the food is well-cooked. The housing includes well-ventilated, comfortable cabins, or tents with wooden platforms, equipped with single cots, mattresses, pillows, chairs, wash basins and pitchers. Both hot and cold showers and tub bathing are provided. Sanitary facilities in-

clude wash basins, wash trays and sanitary flush toilets. You are required to bring two heavy blankets, sheets, pillow case, towels and toilet articles.

The camp is in charge of an experienced staff catering to the comfort and pleasure of all and seeking to maintain a healthy and wholesome atmosphere. Included in the personnel is the camp doctor.

Those interested should register at Room 376 City Hall, between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. daily, except Saturday, when the hours are between 9 and 12 a. m. A deposit of \$20 is required for adults and the full amount is required for children when making reservations.

Outdoor opportunities at the camp include hiking, swimming, horseback riding, fishing, athletic games and nature study. In addition a camp fire program is held every evening, and costume parties and special recreation events are scheduled frequently.

Interesting trips by bus are to O'Shaughnessy Dam for \$1.50 round trip; Early Intake, \$2.00 round trip; Yosemite Valley, \$7.50 round trip; Lake Tenaya, Tioga Pass, Tuolumne Mead-

ows, \$12.00 up.

Early registration is urged on those planning to take their vacations at the camp because its capacity is limited.

Those who will be at Mather during the first two weeks are:

Harold Russell	Mrs. J. Pinnington
Mrs. Harold Russell	Mildred Barnum
Mr. Turner	Andrew Boyles
Patrick O'Donnell	D. F. Hurst
Maurice Levy	Mrs. Florence Hurst
Raymond Levy	Claire Hurst
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Eugene Dunne	Mrs. Florence Spagna
George Nowlan	Mrs. Bessie Brunn
Clifton Wilkens	Miss Brunn
Milton Levy	Leona Urbanus
Herbert Lane	Beatrice Logan
Louis Levy	Marcella Churchill
Helen Ivanoff	Esther Churchill
Ed. Plume	Mercedes Ryan

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"WHERE GURGLING BROOKS AND TREES INVITE."
A Scene near the Camp.

The Magic of Transportation

By DR. J. M. TONER

President, Sunset Parkside Incorporated

PIONEERS who saw the development of the west with the opening of the transcontinental railway believed they had witnessed a miracle. It was not a miracle but merely the simple and never-failing result of transportation—the magic lamp of Aladdin that transforms deserts into cities.

San Francisco is soon to see a marvelous development in the western half of the city when, on or about New Year's day, the Sunset tunnel now under construction, will be completed and cars shooting through it carrying men and women from the ocean beach into the business section of the city. This rapid, direct-line car service of the Municipal railway from the ocean to the Ferry Building will mean to the Sunset what the railways meant to the west.

The Sunset tunnel was dedicated several months ago

on an avenue in the vicinity of Thirtieth avenue, according to the present plans of Supervisor Warren Shannon, chairman of the public utilities committee.

A Gift From the Sunset

The total length of the Sunset tunnel is 4232 feet, providing for two car tracks with a total width of 28 feet. The cost of \$1,247,592 was borne entirely by property owners of the northern part of the Sunset-Parkside district. The Sunset tunnel can truly be said to be a gift of the Sunset district to all San Francisco. In this connection it might be well to point out its value to the entire city.

Aside from the fact that it opens up to development an area capable of containing a city larger than Sacramento and Stockton combined, this tunnel provides an important link in San Francisco's transportation sys-



SIGNING THE CONTRACT

Left to right (sitting): W. F. Fitzgerald, C. S. Stanton, Timothy A. Reardon, Frederick J. Meyer. (Standing): Joseph Callaghan, John B. Gartland, Nelson Eckhart, Mayor James Rolph Jr., John McNab, John J. O'Toole, Leonard Youdall.

Photo by Chaffee.

when light was first broken through. Since then under the able direction of Leonard F. Youdall, groups of workmen employed by the Youdall Construction Company, have rapidly improved the tunnel so that soon this magnificent project will be finished and ready for operation. It is a monument to its builder and to the engineering ability of City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy, under whose direction it is being constructed.

The east portal goes into the ground at Duboce Square. Duboce avenue and Noe street. The west portal is near Cole and Carl streets. The car line to run through this tunnel will be routed from the Ferry building out Market street to Duboce avenue, out Duboce avenue through the tunnel to Cole and Carl streets. It will continue on Irving street to Ninth avenue, up Ninth avenue one block to Judah, and out Judah to the ocean. A branch line will run off Judah street

tem. It permits people living in the Mission district to take a J or H car and, with one transfer, to go by direct line into the extreme western part of the city. Men who are voiced in the trend of city growth are interested to see what will happen to upper Market street development as a result of these two important tunnels, the Twin Peaks tunnel and the Sunset tunnel. It is said that within a few years great buildings will arise in that part of San Francisco between the tunnels. Business houses are already steadily moving out Market street.

The importance of tunnels in the growth of a city depends upon the development which will follow. The Stockton street tunnel was a necessity from a transportation standpoint and connected two fully developed areas. The Sunset and Twin Peaks tunnels were dif-

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A Labor of Hercules

By Nelson Eckhart

SAN FRANCISCO, and particularly its own employees, live so closely to the activities of the city that few are really aware of the magnitude of its operations. To some the word "Hetch Hetchy" is just something about which political battles are waged. To others it means water, in the abstract, sometime in the future, and far enough away not to bother about it just now.

In fact Hetch Hetchy is the greatest water project in the written history of the world. Its completion will mark the success of the greatest undertaking of man to bring water from far away places to the door of a great city.

In its conception and in its execution it is a monument more spectacular and certainly more useful to mankind than the pyramids of Egypt and a tribute to the genius of engineers.

The credit for building Hetch Hetchy is big enough to include all those who have had a hand in its success, but towering above all will loom the figure of M. M. O'Shaughnessy, city engineer of San Francisco. It was his vision and his genius which first conceived and then put into execution the gigantic plan. Written in large letters on the scroll of fame must also appear the name of Nelson Eckhart, his chief assistant, upon whose able shoulders has fallen the burden of detail.

In view of the results of the recent bond election when, through the apathy of voters, the proposal to buy the distributing system of the Spring Valley Water Company failed by a small margin to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority, civic leaders are planning a campaign of education preparatory to submitting the proposal again at the fall elections.

It is also proposed to submit at this election the proposal for the extension of the municipal car lines.

In the following article Mr. Eckhart discusses the scope and progress of the Hetch Hetchy project so that city employees may realize the necessity of acquiring an adequate distributing system through which Hetch Hetchy water may be made available to the people.

THE City of San Francisco is engaged in the construction of the Hetch Hetchy Project, which has for its object providing for the citizens of San Francisco an adequate supply of pure mountain water which has been developed in the Sierra Nevada Mountains from the upper reaches of the Tuolumne River and the Lake Eleanor and Cherry watersheds.

Already \$55,000,000 of bonds have been voted for this purpose, and \$24,000,000 more are needed to bring the Hetch Hetchy water to the San Francisco peninsula.

Work in the mountains has been completed. The great O'Shaughnessy Dam now stores some 67 billion gallons of water. Lake Eleanor, as at present developed, holds something over 9 billion gallons. Water from these reservoirs passes through over 19 miles of tunnels to the Priest reservoir, from which it is dropped through pressure pipes 1315 feet to the Mokassin Power Plant, where 100,000 h. p. are now being generated, and the revenue from this power is carrying the interest charge on 44 millions of the investment.

At the present time the city is actively engaged on the Foot Hill Division in the operation of driving a 17-mile tunnel which will carry the water discharged from the Mokassin Power Plant to the eastern edge of the San Joaquin Valley, which will be crossed by a steel pipe line. At the same time construction crews are starting to sink the necessary shafts in the Coast Range mountains to drive 31 miles of tunnel to

connect up the west end of a proposed steel pipe across the San Joaquin Valley with the Bay Crossing aqueduct over 20 miles in length already constructed and in service, bringing water from Alameda County to the Crystal Springs reservoir. For the use of this aqueduct the Spring Valley Company is paying the city \$250,000 annually. To complete the 31 miles of tunnel

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M. M. O'SHAUGHNESSY
"The Father of Hetch Hetchy"



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Edited By FRANCES K. LANGPAAP

WITHIN the bound covers of books are to be found all the experiences of life, thousands of years of life and thousands upon thousands of kinds of lives.

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Cities may be gauged by their libraries as truly as by their bank clearings or building permits. And because librarians know this those of us associated with the library here regard with a glow of pride the insti-

tution for which we labor. That pride is not alone for its architectural beauty but because we know it is close to the heart of the people, justifying itself in daily and hourly service.

How It Functions

In future issues the work of the library will be taken up in detail and an effort will be made in this department to explain its manifold functions. This introductory article will be a general view of the institution and its functioning.

The organization consists of a central main library in the Civic Center, thirteen branches and ten deposit stations. The main library is the center of this organization taking care of all of the ordering and cataloging of books both for itself and branches and attending to all administrative work.

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MAIN READING ROOM

Tragedies Revealed In Death

By HENRY BOYEN

Attorney for Public Administrator

WHILE there are many other situations wherein the Public Administrator acts, simply stated, the bulk of his work consists in taking care of the estate of those who die intestate without heirs resident in the State of California. But there is nothing simple about the activities of the office.



HENRY BOYEN,
Attorney for Public Administrator

When a person of even a small estate dies without a family or without a provision for the disposition of his property, it is likely that he is a lonely soul, either by choice or necessity. It is also likely that he has few friends, and that only the casual attention of strangers has been given him during his last illness. Unfortunately for the observer of human nature, greed is pitifully liable to rear its ugly head where even an insignificant amount of money is involved. When the money belongs to the estate of a lonely, unknown person, even the restraint of ordinary human consideration is removed, and the claims that are sometimes filed are obviously exorbitant.

Each case becomes the center of a legal process, with the same need for exact care that occurs when a person dies with a named executor, or with heirs to take care of the estate on their own initiative. The difference exists in the distribution of the estate. When all the claims have been paid, and in case no legal heirs appear, the whole residue escheats to the state, and becomes a part of the school fund. It is the public administrator's task to protect the heirs against unfair claims, the state against the dissipation of the moneys involved, and the just claimants against loss for services properly chargeable to the estate of the deceased person.

Many Fraudulent Claims

The first step is a report by the deputy administrator of the exact condition of the estate when he is first called in after the death. From then on the legal wheels are turned by exact steps until the estate is cleared of its encumbrances and either in the hands of the proper heirs, or helping to ease the burdens of the taxpayers in providing for the public schools.

Many interesting situations occur in even the most routine of cases. If there are heirs in foreign countries, depositions must be taken, and great care observed that they are authentic. The elaborate machinery of the disposition of property, different in every jurisdiction makes for all manner of possibilities. Fraudulent claims grow without the slightest encouragement wherever there is property to be distributed. A lonely man may live and die without attention. Let it be known that he has left a bit of property, and a

whole horde of people appear with tales of the valuable services they have rendered him.

Strange kinks of human nature show up in unnumbered cases. Suicides are perhaps the strangest, for the state of mind that drives to self destruction is also likely to upset all of the lesser conventions of thinking.

A Strange Suicide

One case that happened not long ago was of a kindly elderly man who destroyed himself, after providing to the most intimate detail for his funeral. He arrayed his room in velvet and flowers, arranged for presents to all who had been kind to him, and left a note that would have been amusing under less tragic setting in which he said that all his life he had been pursued by poverty and the fear of it, and that for once he was going to make a big splash. His persistence was noticeable, for having failed to kill himself in one elaborately decorated room, he hired another, decked it in almost as spectacular style, and accomplished his pitiful gesture of largess.

In the extreme opposite mood, is the case of an old man who died with more than \$6600 in the bank, and no kith or kin to claim it. He left as the history of his life only the faded figures in a bank book. The deputy's report recited that a little cash and some dirty clothing of no value was all that he found in the shabby room that the old man had lived in for three years. Twelve years before his death he had made a deposit of \$5000 in a large bank here. The interest had been allowed to accumulate for five years without disturbance. Then he began drawing \$100 each six months and he lived on that. Of that he paid \$1.50 per week for his room rent. He performed no labor and slept during the day. At night he prowled around the commission district and helped himself to the food that prodigal hands cast out.

Bank Book Tells Pitiful Tale

When his room had been paid for he lived on about \$10 a month. No one knew anything about him, not even the landlord of the place where he had lived for three years. One week he was two days late with his rent. The landlord called at his room, looked over a transom, and found he had been dead for the two days. His bank book showed the pitiable tale of fear of poverty. The claims against the estate were for the simple funeral and for the cleaning of his room. The money that might have bought him modest luxury for years and that he had hoarded so carefully will probably revert to the state fund for the schools.

Another case, with another expression of human nature, is that of the old man who lived alone and died after a long bed-ridden period leaving a little money. Immediately two women neighbors who had perhaps called in to inquire after his health, or to bring him a cup of coffee or a bit of food now and then, filed claims for \$7000 for two years' professional services. The most exclusive hotel could hardly claim such prices for its wares, but the neighbor women were very voluble as to their rights in the matter, until the Public Administrator had a talk with them.

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Revaluation Wins Approval

By ARTHUR M. JOHNSON

Publicity Director, Bureau of Appraisal

RIGHTLY viewed, the triumph of an idea is something far more worthy of cheering than any mere victory of force. San Francisco has witnessed, without half realizing the fact, the triumph of a great constructive idea. The idea is both great and constructive because it goes to the heart of a problem of government that bears directly upon the pocketbook of every taxpayer. Scientific revaluation of taxable property as a means of equalizing assessed values, thus assuring a "square deal" distribution of the tax burden, has been "sold" to this city.



Photo by Fisher
JAMES G. STAFFORD

The revaluation has won its way into public confidence and approval; the soundness of the methods employed and the certainty of the benefits to follow are now clearly recognized. The lack of public understanding and the suspicion of some devious plan to increase taxes, which impeded the work at the outset, evaporated months ago. The land valuation has been completed and the new budget contains an appropriation for rounding out the job by revaluing the buildings.

The Board of Supervisors, reflecting the public confidence and approval attaching to the land revaluation, has adopted a resolution authorizing a contract for the building revaluation to be entered into with the same expert organization that directed the land appraisal—James G. Stafford and Associates.

Further evidence of the fact that the San Francisco revaluation is considered a job well done has been given by the action of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in engaging Stafford and members of his organization of experts to conduct a revaluation of that county's taxable land and improvements.

Stafford, however, is quick to disclaim sole credit for the success of his work here, and to express earnest acknowledgment of the part played by the Advisory Committee to the Board of Equalization and the thousands of property owners and realtors who composed the local appraisal committees which worked with the bureau staff in the 137 appraisal districts.

These citizens' groups, serving without pay, gave many hours of time and much arduous study and research to the revaluation project. B. A. Banker, chairman of the Advisory Committee, personally went over a greater part of the city area with appraisal staff members, checking and refining the values.

In the main downtown retail section, the city's high value area, a committee of owners and realtors put in weeks of intensive work before they submitted the values to the general group of property owners for approval. The soundness of their work was attested by the fact that the entire set of values was accepted with only a single change. Stafford had the assistance in this district of such men as the late Ben Lowe, R. W. McElroy, George Stimmel, George H. Roos, Robert Bokee, Fred Boeckmann, Adolph Uhl, John W. Proctor, Walter Sullivan, Wm. A. Magee, and others.

The enthusiasm and faith of this committee and the scores of other committees which aided the work throughout the city were communicated to the general body of taxpayers. Wherever a selfish interest sought to upset the relativity and even-handed justice of the revaluation figures, the attempt was short-lived. Political considerations were permitted to play no part in the work. The entire project was conducted out in the open, with the fullest publicity.

In maintaining this policy of an impartial, scientific appraisal of all taxable land, Stafford was given the firmest backing by the Advisory Committee, under whose direction the Bureau of Appraisal functioned. The members of that committee, besides the chairman, Banker, are Supervisors Franck R. Havenner, Milo Kent, James B. McSheehy, and Andrew J. Gallagher; and Henry Boyen, Paul Scharrenberg, Paul A. Sinsheimer, Mark H. Gates, and Philip P. Paschel, with H. A. Mason as secretary.

The result of this free-handed application of the principles employed by Stafford and his associates is a set of land values that are as nearly fair and equal as it is humanly possible to make them. Some further revision will be carried on during the ensuing fiscal year, at the same time that the buildings are being appraised. Then the entire work will be available for equalizing the assessment roll next year. San Francisco will have achieved an important progressive step in the direction of governmental efficiency.

Besides the public co-operation in this work, Stafford had around him a smoothly working staff organization composed of men of experience and ability in their field. These include W. York Eves, C. A. Marsh, U. S. Ackles, and W. L. Mattfeldt, appraisers; Don Carruthers, chief computer and mathematical expert; P. J. Duffy, office manager and clerical superintendent; and the writer, in charge of publicity.

San Francisco is the fifty-second western community in which Stafford has conducted a revaluation for the purpose of equalizing tax assessments and installed the Modern Analytic Method of Realty Valuation, the title he has given his system of expert procedure in this work.

In 1914 he did the work in the Arizona cities of Phoenix, Globe, Prescott, and Miami, and supervised the work of office colleagues in Douglas, Bisbee, and Tucson.

In 1915 he organized and directed in Los Angeles the Joint Bureau of Appraisal in a revaluation of land and buildings in both city and county, including 35 cities and towns. During the twelve years between the Los Angeles revaluation and his San Francisco engagement, Stafford has conducted revaluations in the following places:

Stockton, Santa Barbara, Benicia, Redding, Marysville (twice), Vallejo, San Mateo, San Leandro, Piedmont, Sausalito, and (concurrently with the San Francisco revaluation) Redwood City.

PROMINENT ATTORNEY DIES

Edward A. O'Dea, prominent young attorney and well-known at the City Hall, died suddenly at his home Sunday, June 12, terminating a brilliant career at the bar. For the past seven years O'Dea has been having remarkable success in the Federal Courts, and his passing will be a distinct loss to the bar of the city and state.

He was a native San Franciscan, and was a graduate of Sacred Heart College, St. Mary's College, and the University of California. He was 40 years of age. He is survived by a mother, two brothers, and a sister.

A Bridge Lesson

ONE of the half dozen great problems with which the City of San Francisco is wrestling today with all its might is that of bridging the bay.



OSCAR H. KLATT
President American Toll
Bridge Co.

To all the seven counties which front upon the bay this has come to be an issue of the first magnitude and all that have primary jurisdiction have begun to wrestle with it. Under the Federal law this primary jurisdiction rests with the city or community on the "left bank of the stream." San Francisco and San Mateo counties, on the "left bank of the stream," therefore have control over bridge projects between the San Francisco peninsula and Alameda county. For the same reason Contra Costa county exercised primary control over the project to bridge the Carquinez straits.

Of these three counties, San Francisco, although it is the most populous, has made least actual progress. Its very size and importance and the peculiar problems incident to maintaining uninjured its commercial and naval possibilities have made it necessary to make haste slowly. San Mateo county has already built one bridge, Dumbarton, and has given approval to another from Coyote Point. Contra Costa county, however, has set the real example, and the \$8,000,000 Carquinez bridge, recently opened to the public, is an object lesson in difficulties overcome.

How the Dream Started

Newspapers have published many columns on its magnificence, its cost, its tremendous usefulness. These are all important and they have not been over-played. But the biggest thing about the Carquinez bridge is the story of its construction from the day the idea first originated in the conversation of a groceryman and a salesman to the day of its realization through the indomitable efforts of these same two men. Ten years elapsed between that conversation and the opening of the bridge and in those ten years the groceryman and the salesman overcame every difficulty conceivable by man or nature.

But, with the joy of victory, came one great tragedy. After every major problem had been met and overcome, and when the bridge was practically completed, the groceryman died. He was no longer a groceryman. He had made a name for himself that will long be associated in the minds of Californians with courage and vision. His name was Aven J. Hanford. The salesman was Oscar H. Klatt, now president of the American Toll Bridge Company.

Aven J. Hanford had a grocery store in Vallejo back in 1917. A young man named Klatt was traveling for a San Francisco wholesale grocery firm and used to sell goods to Hanford, who also had stores in Oakland and Alameda. When Hanford wanted to visit his Oakland store it took him a whole day to get there and back, traveling by way of Benicia and Martinez. Klatt sometimes made the trip with him. They used to talk about the time they would save if they could cross the

northern arm of the bay at the Carquinez straits. Out of these talks came The Plan.

A Momentous Voyage

First they decided to put in a ferry. They incorporated the Rodeo-Vallejo Ferry Company and started looking for a boat. But the United States was engaged in the greatest war of all time and boats were as scarce as sugar on the dinner tables of France. Hanford learned there was a little ferry named the "Issaquah" on Lake Washington at Seattle and he went up there and bought it. A groceryman, with no sea training, he took command, hired a green crew, and, in the teeth of one of the fiercest gales that ever blew on the Pacific Coast, he sailed his little craft out of Puget Sound. Storm followed storm as he fought his way down the coast, his crew sea-sick and mutinous, until finally the battered little craft crawled through the Golden Gate to safety. On July 4, 1918, one year after The Plan was formed, the "Issaquah" made her maiden trip across the Carquinez straits.

Business soon made it evident that The Plan, the real plan, must be followed, and so Hanford and Klatt applied for a franchise to build a bridge. Half a dozen other contenders sprang into the field with applications for franchises. There were firms with more money and more backing but none with greater integrity, and the Contra Costa supervisors finally granted the franchise to the former groceryman and his salesman partner. This was in 1923.

Then followed all the detail, foundation explorations, plans and drawings of foundations and steel work and the assembly of materials. Around the two staunch workers fell a barrage of criticism. Their plan was called visionary and impossible, and the prediction was freely made that the bridge would never be built.

Convincing the Bankers

The two workers, however, gathered around them a band fired with their own confidence. There was J. E. Rodgers and A. F. Bray, Martinez attorneys; Dudley Sales and Peter du Suden, San Francisco attorneys; C. Derleth, Jr., Dean of the College of Engineering. The American Toll Bridge Company was organized and financed, and Derleth, chief engineer, appointed Geo. J. Calder, now vice-president of the company, to be resident engineer. Consulting and designing engineers were called in and the plan for the structure completed.

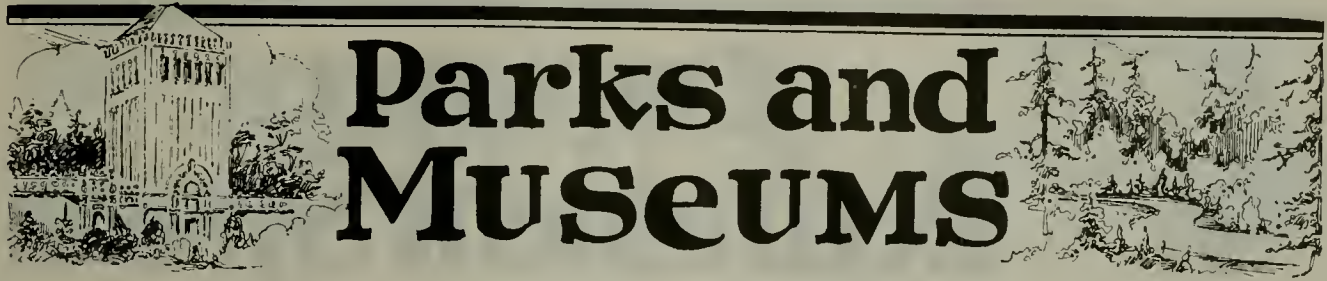
Finally there came the problem hardest of all to meet, the actual raising of the money. The bridge was to cost \$8,000,000, and bonding companies were loath to undertake the task of raising so large an amount to attempt construction of a bridge that was to be built on piers constructed in a flowing stream 100 feet deep.

So, before financing was possible, the bridge staff began on the piers. This was on April 2, 1923. Great cofferdams were built one hundred feet down to the

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GEORGE J. CALDER
Vice-President and
Resident Engineer



Parks and Museums

Edited By W. M. STRUTHERS

MUCH of the repair work at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum has now been completed, making a great improvement in the interior, and Curator George H. Barron is busy rearranging his exhibits.

The Northern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects held an exhibit during the entire month of May in Statutory Hall. The exhibit consisted of models, photographs, plans and drawings of buildings erected by the members. Diplomas of merit were awarded by a jury from the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture. The highest award was made to an architect of Temple Emanuel, which was considered the most outstanding architectural achievement of the year. The exhibit attracted a large number of people. A total of 230,016 visitors were registered during the exhibit.

Mr. Barron has placed the Museum's exhibit of tapestries on exhibition again in the two galleries on either side of the main entrance.

The Phoebe Apperson Hearst collection of textiles and vestments which was given to the University of California, will be placed on exhibition for three months at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor by arrangement with President Campbell of the University through Dr. Cornelia B. Sage Quinton. Mrs. Hearst was one of the regents of the University. The exhibit is a very beautiful and valuable one.

One of the most beautiful rooms in the Palace of the Legion of Honor is the Memorial Room in tribute to the memory of the late Collis Potter Huntington presented by Dr. Archer Milton Huntington.

This room contains many beautiful gifts of tapes-

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MEMORIAL ROOM AT CALIFORNIA PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR



Employees Retirement System

Edited By Ralph R. Nelson

John W. Rogers, President
William J. Fitzgerald

John F. Brady
Arthur S. Holman

DeWitt C. Treat

Supervisor James B. McSheehy, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Thomas F. Boyle, Auditor, are members of the Board by virtue of their official positions.

HE office of the Retirement System furnishes the following statement of retirements and payments during April and May. The lists of teachers include former teachers retired under Charter Amendment No. 34, adopted in November, 1926.

RETIRED FOR SERVICE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The letter (P) following a name indicates Principal, (VP) indicates Vice-Principal; other names are of teachers.

Margaret Elizabeth Hill	Margaret A. Noon
Sarah B. Jenkins (P)	Manuela G. Salcido
Sarah J. Jones (P)	Janet Wade (P)
Jennie L. Murphy	Gallagher, Annie M.
Banning, Frances A. (P)	Goggin, Emily M.
Barber, Emma J.	Graham, Elizabeth M. (P)
Bigelow, Susan H.	Grant, Ellen G.
Bigley, Jane A.	Greer, Jane E.
Boland, Joanna M.	Greenhood, Frances
Bonelli, Edith M.	Grimm, Adele L.
Bradbury, Vesta E.	Grosjean, Eily S. M.
Brooks, Elisha (P)	Ham, Charles H. (VP)
Browne, Esther	Hare, Fannie
Burnham, Cordelia	Harrison, Eugenia C.
Burnham, Lucretia	Hart, Christine (VP)
Campbell, Anne B.	Hart, Lydia
Campbell, Ruth G.	Hatch, Louise R.
Canham, Mary J.	Hawley, Mary E.
Cashin, Margaret G.	Heney, Elizabeth S.
Childs, Katie B.	Hertz, Regina
Cox, Mary M.	Hochheimer, Julia
Crowley, Elizabeth	Horn, Laura J.
Curtis, Corinna M.	Horton, Marie
Davis, Fannie V.	Huntley, Antoinette M.
Deal, Louise B.	Iredale, Ella B. (P)
Derham, Theresa E.	Jacobs, Rebecca
Dolan, Mary J.	Jewett, Fidelia
Donnelly, Margaret L. (VP)	Johnson, Avalin E.
Donovan, Ellen	Johnston, Clara M. (P)
Doran, Julia A.	Josselyn, Ada M.
Doughty, Mary A.	Kaplan, Marie E.
Dunn, Catherine E.	Kellogg, Adelbert E. (P)
Dworzazck, Bertha E.	Kennedy, Josephine
Earle, Susie H. (P)	King, Jessie I.
Emmons, Idella C.	Kollmyer, Kate
Erkson, Jane H.	Lambert, D.
Fairchild, Maria E.	Lundt, Jennie C.
Fay, Mary A.	Lyser, Albert (P)
Fay, Rose	Maccord, Louise
Fischer, Frank	Macdonald, Belle L.
Fischer, Jennie	Maguire, Marguerite E.
	Mahoney, Margaret J.
	Mandeville, Katherine



Among his many other duties and responsibilities in civic government John W. (Johnny) Rogers is also president of the Retirement Board

Martini, Mary G. (VP)
McColgan, Katherine F. (VP)
McCorkell, Lizzie
McGuire, Mary
McLaughlin, Abbie
McNicol, Belle
Melody, Adelaide F.
Meyer, Rachel
Miley, Annette D.
Millar, Sara H. (VP)
Miller, Emma J.
Miller, Sarah E.
Mills, Ida E. (P)
Mitchell, Addie J.
Moore, Elizabeth B.
Moynihan, Nora T.
Nicholl, Clothilde C.
O'Brien, Leonora
O'Connor, Elizabeth
O'Loughlen, Nellie (VP)
Packham, Elizabeth D. (P)
Page, Catherine H.
Paxton, Katherine R.
Perlet, Mattie F.
Phelps, Josephine H.

Powers, Margaret V.
Prag, Mary (VP)
Raclet, Victorine M.
Reeves, Irene M. D.
Rich, Lenora A.
Roberts, Mary E.
Schmit, James J.
Scott, Josephine M. E.
Seabrook, Nellie K.
Shea, Anna B.
Simms, Esther (VP)
Simon, Malvina
Sleeper, Mary
Smith, Margaret A.
Soule, Fannie L.
Sprott, Madge
Stallman, Nettie C.
Stewart, Virginia
Stincen, Ella E.
Sullivan, Nellie
Unger, Annie N.
Unger, Rachel
Van Vleck, Marea
Wettig, Anna
Whirlow, Harriet E.
Wigand, Sophie

Board of Public Health
San Francisco Hospital
Lockerman

Bird, Wm. E.

Board of Public Works
Street Repair

Brandes, Anton
Laborer

Lyons, Patrick D.
Asphalt Worker

RETIRED FOR DISABILITY
Janitor

Bertorelli, John

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Board of Health

Edited by EDWARD M. COFFEY

THE activities of a Health Department are well defined, not only by national and state public health acts and statutes, but by Charter provisions of municipalities which define their powers and duties.

A modern health department is charged with the responsibility of the human family from the cradle to the grave, hence the scope is wide and the activities diversified, and in the exercise of its functions supervises, directs and regulates at some time at least some part of every human activity.



WILLIAM C. HASSLER
Health Officer

The Charter of the City and County of San Francisco creates a Department of Public Health, placing its management in the hands of a Board and prescribes the powers and duties of such Board.

By virtue of this section of our organic law there is conferred upon it management and control of municipal

city and county hospitals, almshouses, ambulance service, receiving or emergency hospitals and all matters pertaining to the preservation, promotion and protection of the lives and health of the inhabitants of the City and County; and it may determine the nature and character of nuisances and provide for their abatement.

It has sanitary supervision over municipal institutions, including jails, school houses and public buildings; of the disposition of the dead; and the disposal of garbage, offal and other offensive substances. It must enforce all ordinances, rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Supervisors for the carrying out and enforcement of a good sanitary condition of the city and county; for the protection of public health; for determining the nature and character of nuisances and for their abatement; and for securing proper registration of births and deaths and other statistical information.

The Slogan of a Health Department.

"To create and maintain a sound mind in a sound body" might well be adopted as our motto when we attempt to sum up the activities of a Health Department and its relation to the public.

To prevent disease is our chief aim; therefore, every means is being employed to educate people to the importance of isolating the sick from the well; to call attention to the danger of the carrier of disease; to stress the importance of vaccination against smallpox; and to bring about intelligent co-operation with the Department by observance of its laws, for after all, as one writer has aptly said, "A nation's true wealth lies, not in its lands and waters, not in its forests and mines, not in its flocks and herds, not in

its dollars, but in its health and happy men, women and children."

From the very beginning of life the Health Department enters the affairs of the human being, for his birth must be duly registered. While a mere matter of routine, it is an important function, for birth data form a legal record of vast importance in the future life of the individual.

Through babyhood the department continues its interest. The baby must be kept fit and well, and this is done through the Health Centers and Well Baby Clinics. These are the watch towers from which to observe the growth and development of the infant and children of pre-school age. Mothers are educated in the care and feeding of their children, and ways are shown for correcting existing defects. Eight health centers and well baby clinics are now maintained by the department. This division also controls licensing of foster homes, of which there are now 273 in the city under observation.

As the child enters school the School Health Inspection Division takes up the work. A chief inspector with seven assisting physicians and 36 field nurses handle this department. Co-operating is a Psychological division comprising two physicians and three assistants and a dental division with a chief dentist, eight assistants and two dental hygienists. The value of this department was recently shown in a survey of 59 schools, when 28,577 children were examined. Of these 36 per cent were found to be underweight and large percentages with other defects, including 92 per cent with defective teeth. The duty of the division is to correct these defects through co-operation with parents.

Caring for the indigent and sick poor of the city is another field of the department's activity. In furtherance of this work four types of hospitals are maintained. First there are the five emergency hospitals which last year handled over 43,000 cases and made 7,425 emergency calls. Then there is the City and County Hospital, which offers free medical and surgical aid to the sick poor. The Isolation Hospital is designed to care for cases of communicable diseases and has a capacity of 250 beds. The Tuberculosis Hospital has a capacity of 300 beds and a fully equipped chest clinic. A tuberculosis preventorium also is being constructed now in San Mateo county.

The Relief Home for the Aged and Infirm is also a part of the department. It has a capacity of 1500 and a population of 1475. A group of modern fireproof building is now rapidly nearing completion there.

In its Social Service department the Board of Health maintains three physicians and seven social workers who investigate all calls of sickness and distress reported by doctors, police, neighbors or citizens generally. During the last fiscal year 10,345 cases were thus investigated.

A wide variety of clinic activities are conducted by the department. In addition to the chest clinic already mentioned there is the Social Hygienic Clinic for the benefit of those having so-called social diseases. A separate clinic of this character is also maintained at the city prison.

In addition to the purely personal contact in the departments already mentioned the Health Board maintains a series of departmental divisions of extreme importance to the community.

Housing inspection supervises building construction to see that all buildings conform to the laws of health. In addition are plumbing inspection, supervision over garbage collection and disposal, and maintenance of modern laboratories.

Municipal Organizations

By Edward M. Coffey

THE San Francisco Municipal Civil Service Association came into being on July 26, 1902, two years after the adoption of our Charter, and at a time when the Civil Service provisions of that document were being put to a test that was ultimately to



Photo by Bushnell.

determine their future efficacy and stability. Distant rumblings of impending trouble and open attacks in some instances directed against the Merit System warned the then employees who had won their positions under Civil Service rules that preparedness would be the part of wisdom, and organization the best means of defense. Thereupon a group of hardy souls banded themselves together and launched their craft on the troubled waters, declaring their aims and

objects in the following words:

(a) To unite the Municipal Civil Service Employees of the City and County of San Francisco for the purpose of maintaining and protecting the Civil Service, as provided for in the organic law of the City and County of San Francisco.

(b) To engender and maintain good feeling and intelligent cooperation between Civil Service employees and their superiors, and for the advancement and improvement of the public service.

(c) To secure a uniform administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the "Merit System," as embodied in the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco.

Nearly every Civil Service employee at that time flocked to our standard and subsequent events clearly demonstrated the truth of that well-known saying, "In Union There Is Strength."

Any attempt to enumerate the occasions when our Association stood solidly in defense of the Merit System and helped maintain its integrity, would be out of place here. Let it suffice to say that, after twenty-seven years of trial, the Civil Service provisions of the Charter have withstood numerous shocks that might have been embarrassing, if not fatal, had we not been on the job.

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By William T. Bonsor

A SMALL group of city office workers were granted a union charter by the American Federation of Labor in the early part of 1911. Within a short time this group had increased to several hundred. One of the first successful efforts of Office Employees Association No. 13188, A. F. of L., was to secure passage of a charter amendment blanketing into civil service many employees who had been working for the city varying numbers of years.

For the next several years the organization assisted in many ways in bettering conditions for city clerical workers through legislation including charter amendments. Some attention was also given to the question of salaries which resulted in substantial increases for most of the office employees of the various departments.

In January of 1919 it was deemed necessary to make a drive for members as many had ceased to pay dues after receiving the benefits secured for them through organization. Dues at that time were only fifty cents per month. In a short time our membership was again at several hundred. We determined to make strenuous efforts toward securing salary advances as well as to secure all needed better conditions for city office workers.

Better Salaries Secured

In the succeeding budget we secured substantial increases. Minimum monthly rates at that time ranged from \$100 to \$150. Most were rated at \$125. Our first effort was to secure a minimum monthly rate of \$150. We secured also \$125 per month for temporary clerks who had been receiving \$100. Later our minimum monthly rate was raised to \$175 and then to \$200 which we have been trying to attain for the past three years.

At the present time we have practically secured the \$200 per month rate. There are several instances where this does not prevail and our efforts now will be directed to attain these rates for all. In the budget of this year we adopted a new policy. In addition to securing a minimum monthly rate we seek to re-establish the old differentials for those doing more difficult work or in advanced grades and who have not been benefitting as well as lower paid employees during the past few years. We are hopeful that the present Board of Supervisors will meet our just request in this respect. The matter is now officially before the board and its finance committee.

We are responsible for a charter amendment which causes all boards and commissions to hold open meetings. We urged such legislation because some meetings were held behind closed doors with the result that one contending party might be heard one day and the other another day and neither could answer arguments on the spot.

Legislation Supported

In the standardization of salaries charter amendment.... (Continued on Page 23)

The Woman and the Home

By MIGNON

MAKING things for the home is always a pleasure to a woman. Here is a delightfully artistic lamp or candle shade that can be made with not too much effort and which is attractive, useful, and has the virtue of being different. Now that candles and small lights are the vogue many have found it a problem to get just the right



of shade without spending more than they felt they could afford.

The requirements for the shade in the illustration are simple. They are listed as follows:

One sheet of parchment or stencil paper about 12 by 6 inches.

A small camel hair brush.

Waterproof inks in colors desired and mandarin black.

A drawing pen.

Small bottle of paper varnish.

A stiff brush.

Some paper clips.

Parchment is the best material for use in the shade because of its quality. It gives an attractive light and is transparent. It can be bought at art departments of any of the big stores or stationers.

First cut out the pattern on a piece of plain

heavy wrapping paper. Draw a straight line about thirteen inches long and mark a point at the middle. With a compass use this point as the center and draw a semi-circle, the compass having a radius of six inches. See that the semi-circle is complete so that at both sides it crosses the straight line. This is the outer edge of the shade. Then fix the compass with a radius of two-and-one-quarter inches and draw a similar semi-circle. This is the upper edge of the shade. Now cut out the shape. This will give a shade three and three-quarter inches deep. If a larger shade is required use a larger sheet of parchment and increase the figures proportionately.

Now lay the pattern on the parchment and cut the parchment accurately. It is usually most convenient to leave the center piece in for a time, as it provides something to take hold of without touching the shade itself and thus avoids danger of finger marking.

Meantime you have decided upon a design. It may be some striking and colorful object such as a macaw to be imprinted on opposite sides of the shade, or it may be a pattern of frieze effect to run around the edge of the shade. Place the parchment over the pattern and trace the design, using a medium pencil and making all lines clear but light. If a frieze design is chosen care must be taken to make the motifs join neatly where the pattern begins and ends, allowing a quarter of an inch for overlap. The frieze must also be kept the same distance from the edge all the way around.

In putting on the color it is well to start with the color which requires the most care. If there are green leaves, do them first. Wait until each color dries before starting

another. If stencil paper is used the colors may also be placed on the wrong side, thus giving them greater intensity. According to the nature of the design as it develops, and when it is thoroughly dry, the design itself may be outlined with a drawing pen in mandarin ink. Fill in the black spaces, if any, and lay aside until thoroughly dry. Then apply a coat of varnish with a brush. When dry fasten the two sides with four paper clips which pierce the parchment through the quarter inch allowed for overlap.

MENUS

BREAKFAST

Sliced Oranges	
Scrambled Eggs and Bacon	Toast
Coffee	Milk

LUNCHEON

Creamed Asparagus on Toast	
Stewed Tomatoes	Cottage Cheese Salad
Prune Whip	Custard Sauce

To make Prune Whip:

1 cup prune pulp	1 teaspoon vanilla
3 eggs whites	One-third cup granulated
½ cup chopped wal-	sugar.
nuts	

Put cooked pitted prunes through a coarse sieve. Beat whites of eggs very stiff with a whip egg-beater; fold in the sugar, prune pulp, chopped walnuts and vanilla. Pile lightly in a baking dish and bake in a pan of hot water about 30 minutes in a rather slow oven until perfectly firm. Serve cold with whipped cream or a custard sauce made of two of the egg yolks. Any other cooked fruit may be used.

DINNER

Roast Beef	Yorkshire Pudding
Potatoes	String Beans
	Vegetable Salad
Rolls	Butter
Fruit Shortcake	
Coffee	

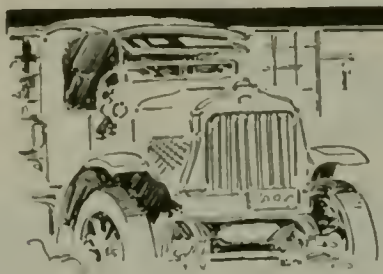
Yorkshire pudding is delicious with the gravy of roast beef.

¼ lb. flour	One egg
½ pint milk	Pinch of salt.

Add salt to flour and sieve into basin, make a well in center of it. Break the egg into cup, turn into the flour and mix with a small quantity of it. Take about half the milk, add gradually, working in the flour by degrees and keeping an even consistency all the time.

When well mixed beat for a few minutes, until the surface is full of bubbles, then stir in the remainder of the milk and leave the batter to stand for about an hour or so. When ready to bake the batter, melt half an ounce of dripping in a small pie-dish or tin, pour in the batter, and put into a fairly hot oven, lessening the heat as required. It will take about forty minutes. When cooked place on a hot dish.

City Attorney O'Toole has been asked to advise the Board of Supervisors as to the legality of appropriating \$2500 to pay costs of securing signatures to petitions for a referendum against the Reapportionment Act passed by the last legislature.



Board of Public Works

Edited By SID HESTER

Bids Called For

BIDS will be considered by the Board of Public Works on July 13 to erect a new fire station at Third street and Merrimac avenue. The structure will be known as Engine House No. 18. It will be two stories in height of brick construction with steel frame set on concrete piles. The exterior finish will be of selected common brick. The cost is

estimated at \$63,300. Bids will be received on the segregated plan basis with separate bids for a general contract, estimated cost, \$55,000; electrical work, estimated cost, \$2800; and plumbing, estimated cost, \$5500. Prospective bidders may obtain plans from the Bureau of Architecture.



SID HESTER

Bids will be considered by the Board of Public Works June 29 for painting in connection with the South Side High School to undergo construction in Onondaga avenue between Cayuga and Otsego streets. The cost is estimated at \$10,000.

Bid Openings

Bids for the first unit of the South Side High School to be erected in Onondaga avenue between Otsego and Cayuga streets, were opened by the Board of Public Works June 14.

Macdonald and Kahn at \$248,249 submitted the lowest bid for general construction; Newbery-Pearce Electric Company at \$17,300 for electrical work; A. Lettich at \$19,000 for plumbing, and Knittle Brothers at \$21,705 for mechanical equipment. Eight bids were submitted for the general contract, five bids on the plumbing, and nine bids on the plumbing contract.

Construction will comprise a three-story Academic building and one-story shop building, both of reinforced concrete construction. The Academic building will contain twenty-nine classrooms and science rooms. This work will comprise the first unit of the South Side High School and will be classed among the finest educational structures in the country.

Federal Construction Company at \$6,747.68 submitted the lowest bid to the Board of Public Works to improve Kirkham street between Forty-first and Forty-second avenues, including the crossing of Forty-first avenue. The bid follows: 5900 cubic yards of cut, \$.01 cubic yard; 300 cubic yards of fill, \$.20 cubic yard; 574 lineal feet of concrete curb, \$1.00 per lineal foot; 660 square feet artificial stone sidewalk, \$.15 square

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foot; 3 brick catchbasins, \$80 each; 105 lineal feet 10-inch culvert, \$1.00 lineal foot; 275 lineal feet 18-inch sewer, \$2.00 lineal foot; 18 18-inch wye branches, \$2.00 each; 18 side sewers, \$20 each; 35 lineal feet 15-inch sewer, \$1.50 lineal foot; 40 lineal feet 8-inch sewer, \$1.50 lineal foot; two brick manholes, \$80 each; 16,893 square feet asphalt concrete pavement, \$.26 square foot.

Federal Construction Company at \$3563 submitted low bid to the Board of Public Works to improve Kirkham street between Forty-eighth avenue and the Great Highway. The bid was: 480 lineal feet concrete curb at \$.10 lineal foot; 255 lineal feet 8-inch sewer at \$1.00 lineal foot; manhole at \$90; ten 8-inch wye branches at \$1.00 each; eight side sewers at \$20.00 each, and 12,000 square feet of asphalt concrete pavement at \$.25 square foot.

James M. Smith at \$63.40 submitted low bid to the Board of Public Works to construct the Stanley street sewer extension between St. Charles avenue and Junipero Serra boulevard. Smith's bid was: 478 lineal feet 3 feet by 4 feet, 6-inch concrete sewer, \$10.00 per lineal foot; 40 lineal feet 15-inch ironstone pipe sewer \$2.00 per lineal foot; 1 manhole, \$100; 1 manhole, with wood cover, \$80; 25 cubic yards of concrete inpiers, \$25 cubic yard; 7500 pounds bar steel, \$.05 per lb.; 1 taper connection, \$200; 1 overflow structure, \$100. Bids were also submitted by C. B. Cowden, H. McGill and L. J. Cohn.

James Smith at \$3758 submitted the lowest bids to the Board of Public Works to construct the Canal street sanitary sewer. The contract will involve the construction of 1006 lineal feet of 18-inch ironstone sewer at \$3.00 per lineal foot; 60 lineal feet 18-inch ironstone sewer (in concrete) at \$4.00 per lineal foot, and 5 manholes at \$100 each. Bids were also submitted by E. J. Treacy, L. J. Cohn, Fay Improvement Company, H. McGill, and C. B. Cowden.

The Graybar Electric Company, bidding \$6014.82, submitted low bid to the Board of Public Works to fur-

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Police Dept.



CHIEF OF POLICE DANIEL J. O'BRIEN and Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson, who have been attending the annual convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which met during the week of June 6th, in Windsor, Canada, are en route home.



CHIEF DAN O'BRIEN.

For the past year Chief O'Brien has been president of the Association and Captain Matheson has been on some of the most important committees.

Of chief interest was the passage of a bill to be presented to the legislative bodies of the North American nations, whereby the importing, selling or shipping of small firearms will be prohibited, and the importation or use of machine guns of any character discouraged.

Another matter that attracted much interest was the effort of the Association to have enacted uniform traffic laws in the United States and Canada, and between the states and provinces.

Chief O'Brien and Captain Matheson have not missed a convention for eight years, and they have taken an active part in placing the organization on the high plane it occupies today.

Mayor Rolph, the board of police commissioners, Theodore J. Roche, president; Dr. Thomas Shumate, Jesse B. Cook, and Andrew Mahony, and Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien set aside May 31st as the night publicly to commend the largest number of police officers for distinctive acts of bravery and public service, ever to be so honored in the new Hall of Justice.

The men praised by the Mayor and President Roche were Corporal Lawrence McInerney, Detective Sergeant Louis DeMatei, Patrolmen James Sunseri, Sidney DuBose, A. K. Hutchinson, Andrew Lennon, M. Casey, James Gremminger, all of whom participated in the killing of the bomber of Sts. Peter and Paul's church in North Beach last spring.

James Small, patrolman of the Western Addition, was commended for his work in shooting one bandit and capturing another last April out in the Panhandle.

Detective Sergeant George Stallard was given a big send-off by the Mayor for shooting and killing a hold-up man who was attempting to rob the officer in front of the Stallard home.

Officers Conroy and Wildgans came in for a big boost for their work in killing one safe opener and capturing another who were robbing the Excelsior Theatre out in Mission street.

The men were also rewarded by extra days off.

Sergeant Frank Latuline, diagram expert and in charge of the police photograph gallery, has moved his force, comprising Corporal Hugh Dietel, Officers Louis Meyer and George Blum, into the new quarters erected on the roof of the Hall of Justice. The new gallery is the latest thing in the line of photography and for handling the large amount of work along this line. Every up-to-date apparatus has been installed and a system has been inaugurated that makes the location of desired pictures a matter of moment.

The old gallery was destroyed by fire nearly two years ago.

Captain Henry Gleeson, commander of the Traffic Bureau of the department, who recently returned to duty after a long illness, is preparing to enforce the numerous new traffic laws that were passed by the last legislature and signed by the governor. He has his men already acquainted with the changes and expects to give the automobiling public some swift and intensive instruction in their operation.

Lieutenants Richard Foley and Emmett Moore after three months in the Detective Bureau in charge of the night watches have been transferred back to their companies, Foley to the Southern and Moore to the Western Addition. Lieutenant Jack Sullivan of the Western Addition was assigned to the bureau to take Moore's place and Lieutenant Arthur DeGuire of the Southern to take Foley's vacated position. These change are in line with a policy adopted some months ago by Captain Duncan Matheson.

NEW POLICE STATION

Alfred I. Coffey, Gottschalk and Rist, associate architects, Phelan Building, are completing plans for a new police station to be erected at Twenty-fourth avenue and Taraval street. The structure will be partly one and partly two stories in height, of brick, steel and concrete construction. The cost is estimated at \$100,000. Bids for erection will be asked by the Board of Public Works within the next few weeks.

Frank A. Flynn, San Francisco representative of the American Society of Aeronautics, has been named superintendent of the San Francisco Municipal Airport at Mills Field, San Mateo County.

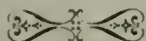
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City and County Offices

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Ed Gilson is up at his country home above Calistoga taking his annual rest from the strenuous duties of the office.

William S. Shaffer and F. W. Zehfuss are also off on their vacations, the former having gone into the Yosemite.

The office is congratulating itself on having a couple of newlyweds, "Bernie" Galloway and Herbert Graeber. The latter has taken his bride up to Rio Nido on the Russian River for a vacation before settling down to housework.

Frank Butler is sporting around in a new horseless wagon these days. It's one of those kind with an engine that improves with use.

There are all kinds of celebrities in the county clerk's office and they certainly afford plenty of topics for conversation. There is, for instance, Charley Burke of the stationery department. Charley is a fisherman and he doesn't care who knows it. If they had championships in the fisherman business he figures he ought to be heavyweight champ. Then there's Alfred Baptist, the handball champ, and Herb Graeber and Henry Brunner. The last two are the acknowledged tennis champs of the department and so they usually have to play with each other.

James Wilson holds the office of second grand vice-president of the Native Sons of the Golden West. Some of these days soon he'll be the president of the organization and just full of business.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By W. J. Martenson, Deputy Sheriff

Paul E. Rissman, one of the office deputies, has just obtained his degree as Bachelor of Law from the University of St. Ignatius. Previous to his graduation he successfully passed the bar examinations here and has been admitted to practice.

Chief Deputy Frank Burke (Napoleon) is spending a few days in the Yosemite Valley, and everyone in the office is breathing a sigh of relief until he returns.

Figures are not usually very interesting, but the fellows in the sheriff's office are interested in the data just compiled on the business they've been doing. For the year ending June 30 this year they've handled just about 31,000 papers compared with 6,833 for the fiscal year just twenty years ago. This is an increase of more than 400 per cent. The number of office deputies has not been increased since 1911. Since 1911 the business of the office has increased 300 per cent. And the load keeps growing.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

By J. A. Richardson

Treasurer John H. Thieler is spending his vacation at Lake Almanor.

Plans are already being made by I. A. Richardson, cashier of the treasurer's office, for his vacation, which will be spent at his summer home at Scott's Creek, outside of Santa Cruz.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

By H. J. McHenry

The Assessor's office is a regular hive of industry these days. Everybody in it is working at top speed in order to close the books on the first of July. That's one reason why the notes for this issue are short.

By the time this appears in print Miss Gaffney will be on her way to Europe. She is planning a delightful trip to the continent, leaving San Francisco June 26.

Ada Belle Brown, the daughter of Charles Brown, was married to Yolando George at the Palace Hotel Saturday evening, June 19. Both are very charming young people.

Charles Levy, cashier in the department, is now a granddad. His young grandson has been given the name of Jack.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Maurice Rhapheld, chief deputy tax collector, is in Long Beach to attend the Convention of the I. O. B. B., of which he is Grand President.

Tax Collector Edward F. Bryant is building a new summer home at Woodside, in San Mateo county.

Warning is issued by the office to tax payers to see that they have duplicate receipts for the fiscal year of 1927 for both installments of taxes, otherwise the property will be sold to the state on June 27.

Dog licenses for the fiscal year 1927-28 will be due July 1.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

By J. Edw. Sharp

Auditor Thomas F. Boyle announces that his office is ready to pay the salaries of election officers who served at the polls during the special bond election June 14.

A total of 2,262 election officers were employed at the polls, of which there were 754. Voting machines were used at all of the booths.

Jack Lewis, in charge of the counter, is making an automobile tour of Southern California.

The Board of Election at each precinct in the last election consisted of three officers only, due to the use of the voting machines. Under the old ballot system at least four would have been needed.

RECORDER'S OFFICE

By Chas. M. Stolz

Emil Peguillan is spending a couple of weeks vacation up on Russian River.

Joseph Dupine has gone to Los Angeles for his vacation and is putting in a couple of weeks looking over Los Angeles.

Leopold Popper spent his vacation at Paraiso Springs. After he came away the newspapers printed a story about the springs being sold. Maybe the owners figured they couldn't stick it out another year until Leo came back. They do say the ladies missed him when he came back. poison oak and all.

Joseph P. Hayes is receiving the congratulations of the office staff on his 65th birthday. He has been in the employ of the city since 1984, and has seen a lot of changes in that time. His eyesight is as keen today as it was a quarter of a century ago.

City Treasurer Thieler has been authorized to appoint an additional deputy at a salary of \$3000 a year.

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Municipal
Railway

By EDWARD D. VANDELEUR

PEOPLE of San Francisco should not be deceived by false propaganda that is being circulated throughout the city against the Municipal Railway extensions. We have only to consider the wonderful development of our city in the last twelve years to realize the values of the present Municipal Railway lines. It, therefore, behooves each of us to support these extensions when the bond issue proposal is again submitted this fall.

The Municipal Railway has been a financial success since the start. It has maintained its five cent fare, thereby saving about forty dollars a year to each family in San Francisco. It has built three and a half million dollars worth of extensions and retired two millions dollars worth of Bonds, besides paying security holders nearly three million dollars in bond interest. All of this has been accomplished without one cent of cost to the people.

The Municipal Railway has always been progressive in the matter of developments. Its rolling stock and equipment are of the latest type obtainable and equipped with all known safety devices.

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We should remember the situation that existed when the corporate interests had entire control of our public utilities, and compare the street railway service today with that of fifteen years ago.

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Joseph Breen is on the road to recovery at Franklin Hospital.

Brother Milnor is at the St. Francis Hospital, where he was operated on Monday, June 20th.

Brothers Sweeney and Daly are at the San Francisco Hospital. Both are reported improving.

We regret the recent deaths of the following loyal and efficient members of the organization:

M. O'Connor, motorman, 13 years service.
Tom Wilslow, motorman, 13 years service.
D. Fitzpatrick, motorman, 12 years service.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

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ment we took great interest. We succeeded in eliminating many objectionable features and in instituting many good ones. We are not satisfied with it as it stands, however.

Our members were greatly interested in the retirement system charter amendment and assisted in its draft. We worked for its passage both morally and financially. We have assisted in many other matters of legislation of more or less importance to our members. At the present time we are attempting to have employees released from paying the premium on security bonds.

We do not take all the credit for securing the wage advances which in cases are as high as \$100 per month during the past few years as we are affiliated with the San Francisco Labor Council. The council has always been a staunch supporter of our requests and has given us wonderful assistance. In fact, without the support of the council we would have attained much less. The only organized effort to secure wage advances, either in the city government or elsewhere, is the labor movement. All in the city employ have improved their wage

and working conditions, directly or indirectly, through the efforts of organized labor. Therefore, all should be members. Membership in labor unions for city workers is not compulsory and, therefore, many after securing benefits sever their connection in order to save small monthly dues. This is false economy and poor sportsmanship. Why depend upon your neighbor to carry the organization which has done much for you in the past and which you all need now and will in the future?

In closing we wish success to The Municipal Employee which has a wonderful field to work in and which should be supported to the fullest extent by employees who can gain so much from such a publication.

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Edited By Nelson Eckhart

Izzy Schwartz, one of the old timers in the office, is going up to Canada for his vacation.

Bill Lewis is inspecting the ruts and trenches on the way to Yosemite Valley. He will undoubtedly find them all with his Lizzie.

Louis Mercado has been laid up for six weeks. His return is anxiously awaited by the gang. The doctors say he will be back on the job by the end of this month.

Another casualty is Gus Phares, who is reported recovering from an operation.

A strange accident happened recently to Inspector of Streets and Sewers W. Duffy. While "setting a point" he swallowed a sixpenny nail. No

evil results have followed so far.

Bill Fisher, also inspector of streets and sewers, is recovering from his recent accident.

Bill Pidges with his wife and family have gone to Healdsburg.

"Doc" Cook, the chemist, entertained the inspectors in the Lab the other day with stories and "refreshments." Just as this department was going to press the inspectors were holding a free for all meeting, the results of which will have to be reported next month.

L. J. Pope and Harry Law are away on their vacations.

Harry Cederberg has returned from Portland with the strange information that the town is crowded with pretty girls. He must be blind when he walks around the City Hall.

Fred Head, who is known as a candidate who has been several times before the people for their suffrage, is away from town on his vacation.

Miss Oswold, secretary to Horace W. Kephart of Hetch Hetchy, is on her way to Yosemite to feed the bears.

City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy has received a challenge from the baseball team of the Bureau of Engineering of Los Angeles to play a series of games with the San Francisco Bureau of Engineering.

Unfortunately the local team has not been active for several years. We understand the Los Angeles Engineers have several teams, all of good caliber, and they feel confident that the pick of these teams can give the San Francisco Engineers a drubbing.

The Chief has accepted the challenge, so the battle is on.

The first game will probably be in Los Angeles, the second here, and the third, if a deciding game is necessary, will be played in No-Man's Land, maybe in Santa Barbara.

The material for a local team is here, and little difficulty is anticipated in getting a team together that will knock them far, wide, and beau-coup scores.

The City Engineers team would welcome a few games, in order to get in the pink, and would like to have a team composed of City Employees for battle. Come up to the Engineer's Office for information. Immediate action is necessary.

So far our team has three managers, six bat boys, a slide trombone player, four trainers and one baseball player. Joe Callaghan is being boosted for umpire and Bill Hamilton for mascot, as the engineers always call on the Board of Works when they want help. Three applications already have been received for water-boy.

TRAGEDIES REVEALED

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Fraudulent claims often partake of the intensely personal. When greed is in the saddle, mere matters of integrity or justice are ridden down with ruthless dispatch, unless there is a swift hand in restraint.

On the other hand the timid, just claimant, perhaps treated with injustice by the deceased, for even "the evil men do, lives after them" sometimes, must be protected and given their proper due. The Public Administrator must treat these less aggressive ones with a special courtesy and consideration.

No Privacy in Death

There is little privacy in death. Life may be secretive, and unknown to even the most intimate of associates. In death, and especially in death that is unattended by friends and relatives, all the oddities and idiosyncrasies that the decedent may have kept hidden, come to the surface.

It is a complicated and specialized work, demanding in every case a knowledge of human nature as well as of law and finance. No two cases are alike, and no standardization can exist in so intimate and personal a problem of the body politic. The Public Administrator is in the place of the "next of kin" to the lonely and the unknown ones within the city gates. He must protect them dead, against the very things they dreaded in life. He must seek to keep within the public funds of the state any properties that should not rightly leave the public purse, and he must see that no just heir goes without his proper portion. He must guard against fraud and against greed and the whole ghoulish list of harpies that prey on the dead, be they rich or poor, furtive or powerful.

And no office is more fraught with interest nor any with a more direct responsibility to the citizens of the state, and of the city.

Out of ten thousand or more city employees practically none except those in the police and fire departments are interested in municipal sports. There are half a dozen other departments which ought to support athletics.





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Schools



By A. J. Cloud,
Chief Deputy Sup't of Schools of San Francisco

ALL parents wish their children to be successful in life. The meaning, however, of the word "successful" is interpreted variously by different people; hence, it may be of value and interest to note some of the elements so that parents may stress them

in the efforts they put forth constantly to encourage the true education of their children. These are:

1—Work — work — work. Steady and hard work develops habits that make for success. Industry is a quality needed everywhere in life. It is still quite largely true that man earns his livelihood by the "sweat of his brow." In school the boy or girl who

studies hard acquires knowledge and experience which afterward enables him to work more intelligently and effectively.

2—Develop initiative. Particularly in a governmental system such as ours, leaders of men are needed. It is easy to follow the line of least resistance and to fall into a rut. The boy or girl who develops initiative early has taken a long step toward success.

3—Be careful and accurate. One must prove himself to be dependable before he can assume any large measure of guidance or control over others. The leader must first be a good follower—one able to obey directions.

4—Love your work. The only way in which to master a problem is to take joy in overcoming the obstacles confronting one when he undertakes to conquer it. Only the spirit of mastery can enable one successfully to overcome difficulties.

5—Help others. One of the real tests of success lies in one's willingness to share opportunity with others and to assist them over the rough places which he has already conquered.

6—Be human. Under our plan of social organization, this means particularly that the youth should be democratic and ready to cooperate with others toward the common good.

7—Do your best. No boy or girl should do less; and no boy or girl may do more.

These are some of the elements that parents should carry in mind in the home training of their sons and daughters. These elements of success we feel to be worthy of consideration and attention by all interested in education in whatever aspect or relationship.

May we add that parents should be tender in their regard for the teachers of their children who, in the language of the law, act for so many hours of the week in "loco parentis," which means "in the place of the parents." The teachers are worthy of highest appreciation in their efforts to develop these boys and girls of ours into good American citizens. In many respects, it may be said that the positions occupied by the teachers of the children of the community are more far-reaching in their consequences than those of business executives or governmental officials of rank and influence. We believe, then that parents should hold them in high esteem and credit them with the high motives.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Looking back over the past year in the athletic field of the San Francisco High Schools, we note the following results:

In football the Lick-Wilmerding team finished the season first by defeating Galileo in a spirited 7-0 game for the title. However, owing to the fact that a player on the Galileo team was declared ineligible because he had not been enrolled in school the required number of weeks in the preceding term, the championship went by default to Lowell.

In basketball St. Ignatius, the champions of the State, came through again to win the honors from Galileo in a hair-splitting 21 to 19 game.

The championship honors in baseball were also won by St. Ignatius with Lowell, last year's winners, in second place.

Track was won by Polytechnic, coached by Dave Cox, with Lowell second and Galileo third.

The big upset of the season was the winning of the swimming honors by Galileo. This is the first time in twenty years that Lowell has been made to relinquish this proud title.

TEACHERS CELEBRATE

The tenth anniversary of the founding of the San Francisco Grade Teachers' Association was celebrated by members of the organization recently with a "birthday party" at a beach cafe. Dr. Joseph Marr Gwinn, superintendent of schools, was the guest of honor. Mrs. Viola S. Kelley, president, was the principal speaker.

According to semi-official statements San Francisco will have another opportunity at the fall elections of voting on the Municipal Railway extension bond issue.

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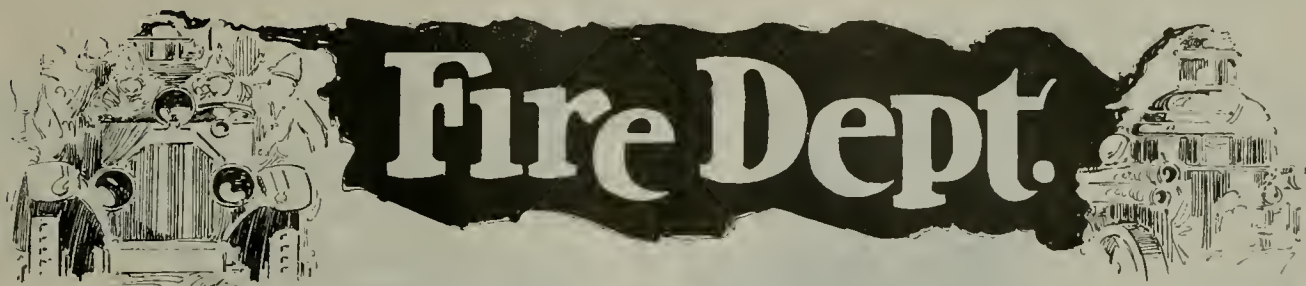
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Capt. A. J. Galli, of Engine 29, one of the outstanding figures among the fire fighters, is receiving congratulations from a host of friends and comrades not only in the ranks of the department, but among citizens in general on his promotion to Battalion Chief on June 29.

Chief Galli has a record of accomplishment in the department, extending over fifteen years. Following a few years of creditable work in the ranks, on August 21, 1920, he was promoted to a lieutenantcy. Then on January 9, 1923, came his appointment as captain.

His present promotion is a reward for hard work and service to the city, and he has the good will of the entire department and his many friends both in and out of the city government.

Mullally and Angelich, pets of 4 Truck, are sojourning at Yosemite with the rest of the artistocracy. Jack Woodman and Callaghan of 5 Engine are taking their time at Monte Rio. Hunter of 3 Truck, who recently became a benedict, is honeymooning around the state.

Others who are enjoying their annual leave are Dunning of 12 Chemical, Tom McTernan of 3 Chemical, Bob Prithard of 39 Engine, and Bill Regan of the same company. The latter, by the way, has just passed the Bar examinations.

More vacationists are Driscoll of 11 Truck, Frank Deasy of 34 Engine, Bob Derwin of 38 Engine, Marlowe from Twin Peaks Tank, Royal Haynes of 34 Engine, Tom Fields of 23 Engine, Albie from Fire Boat 2, Walt Krohn of 1 Truck, Morrissey of 6 Truck, Needham from Fire Boat 1, Lieut. Byrne of 4 Engine, Hellrigal of 33 Engine, Mart Stewart of 2 Truck, Nelson Schow of 1 Truck, Chas. Vocke of 17 Engine, and Clarence Buzzie 40 Engine.

J. W. O'Connor of 13 Engine, one of the best known disciples of the late Isaac Walton in the department, is planning to raise havoc with the members of the finny tribe at Klamath River. He will also stock up on new fish stories for the coming year.

Also on the vacation list are George Delmas of 10 Truck, George Frederson of 37 Engine, Ed Ford of 32 Engine, Lew Shotz of 17 Engine, Pete Sally of 9 Truck, Pat Cunningham of 8 Truck.

First Assistant Chief Sullivan and Captain Musson of 7 Engine are enroute to Yosemite and Tioga Pass in their Dodge cars. Since both machines are of unknown vintage there is some question as to their performance, and their friends eagerly await their return.

Al Morrison of 7 Engine will spend his vacation moving into his new home at Twenty-first and Taraval. He expects to be comfortably settled by the time the vacation is up.

Capt. Lahusen of 7 Truck is also away on his vacation.

Captain Lindeberg of 1 Chemical, Lieut. Mallory of 37 Engine, and Lieut. Petry of 38 Engine are away on their usual summer trip.

Capt. Mathison plans to get close to Nature on his vacation, and will spend his time among the big trees at La Honda. He and his friend Capt. Nolan of 10 Engine are taking the trip together.

Capt. Comber of 34 Engine, who recently passed the examination for battalion chief in No. 1 place, is also among the missing, being on vacation.

The Civil Service Commission has announced the names

of fire department officers who are eligible for appointment to captaincies and of seventy eligible to be lieutenants.

The captains' list will be drawn in rotation for the next four years. The lieutenants' list will be used three years before another examination. The two groups of successful candidates, in the order of their eligibility, follow:

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HONOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

In honor of Charles C. Danforth, principal of the Girls' High School, the school alumnae association entertained with a reception and luncheon recently in the Room of the Dons at the Hotel Mark Hopkins. More than 100 persons were seated. Mrs. Frank Zachoreck, president of the alumnae association, was in charge of arrangements. Among those present were:

Mesdames John N. Smith, W. H. Robinson, E. Wismer, C. W. Echbaum, M. L. Mayers, Lincoln Batchelder, George Keil, Frank Zachoreck, Herbert Forbes, Walter Hayden, Fred Rohrer, Roy P. Lutzi, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Danforth.

Misses Irene Meusdorffer, Jane Levison, Betty Hall, Edwena Thornton, Francis Plunkett, Lucy Adams, Evelyn Levinson, Aimee Taston, Barbara Nordquist, Margaret Daugherty, Una Hanson and Helen Barker.

An Old Timer

SOME of the old timers around the City Hall—and there are not a few of them, could tell some interesting stories of the changes in municipal affairs and municipal government that have come about in their years of experience there.



JOHN B. GARTLAND

One of the old timers is John G. Gartland of the Board of Public Works. John believes in doing his work right and not in talking about it, so it was no easy matter to talk him into an interview and a picture. But here we have both.

When John joined the Board of Works crew away back in 1895, Adolph Sutro, one of the city's most picturesque figures, occupied the mayor's office following his short but spectacular campaign for lower fares to the Cliff House. Those were the days when they ran horse cars on Market Street, and you had to take a day off to go to the Cliff House.

Almost since the Board of Works started he has been an important member of its staff. You might say he helped to nurse it through its infancy and to steer it clear of legal pitfalls. Although classified as an Experienced Clerk, he is in reality an attorney, preparing and supervising the execution of all contracts.

Since 1900, when Franklin K. Lane was City Attorney, Mr. Gartland has also acted as legal advisor and attorney for the members of the Board of Works. He has prepared charter amendments affecting the Board and draws up all resolutions of a special nature.

MISS FRANCES E. WARE

The Playground Commission points with pride to Miss Frances E. Ware who has been employed in the service of the department longer than any other director. She has been working continuously with the commission since 1912, and has performed her duties in a manner commanding the highest possible recognition.

Her character and work speak for her true worth. She has organized athletic tournaments each six months at the Hamilton Playground, situated at Geary and Scott streets, over a period of many years. These basketball, baseball and volley ball tournament have involved the participation of thousands of girls. A splendid system was devised of selecting youthful material to coach and referee the games, and thus to stimulate a keen sense of responsibility and initiative in our sturdy, young, athletically built womanhood.

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These and the ten or more deposit stations amply supply the needs of library patrons in outlying districts. It is the aim of the library to place a representative collection of books within the immediate reach of any citizen desiring it.

Beauty in Style

The main library, which was built in 1917, was designed by George W. Kelham in the style of the Italian Renaissance. In his mind this embodied the atmosphere of quiet elegance and scholarly refinement suitable to a library. The entrance and vestibule open on a beautiful wide staircase, bounded by corridors leading to various departments on the second floor.

On the first floor of the library are the juvenile department and the newspaper room. Adjoining the juvenile room is a large lecture hall, where, under the auspices of the children's librarian, "Aunt Betty" tells stories, and various plays and pageants are presented.

At the head of the staircase is the main delivery hall consisting of the information desk, delivery desk, registration and reserve departments. The information desk is connected by phone and inter-departmental dictograph with all departments and branches and is at the service of patrons desiring aid in book selection, etc.

At the right of the information desk are the public card catalogs, containing a complete and analytical index to authors, titles and contents of every book in the library. This catalog is very simple to use and the information clerk is always ready to assist patrons in finding books. The main library has most of the miscellaneous collection in closed stacks and the delivery desk to the right of the information clerk supplies the books by means of attendants and pages.

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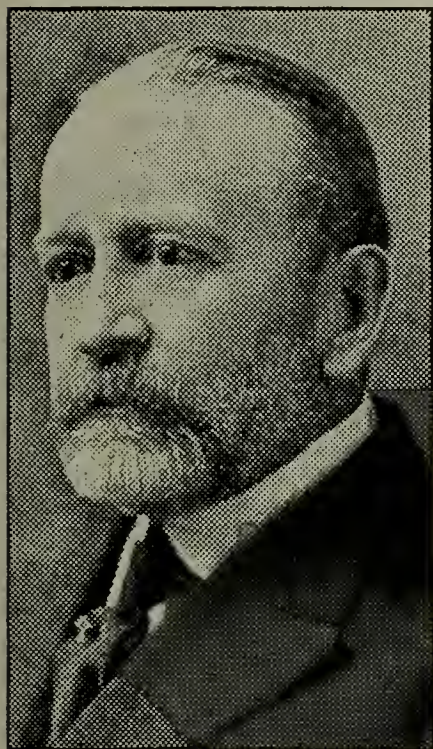
The registration department takes care of all cardholders, enrolls new members and has charge of delinquencies. Membership in the library is very easy to obtain and any person over ten years of age with the desired guaranty is entitled to draw books. The reserve department in connection with the delivery desk will trace any book desired and hold it until the patron has been notified and calls for it.

Library branches are located in the following places:

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Richmond branch, Ninth Avenue and Geary.
Park branch, on Page near Cole.
Presidio branch, on Sacramento near Lyon.
Noe Valley branch, on Jersey near Castro.
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Two months ago forty of those still living returned the honor when Senator Phelan was the guest at the twentieth anniversary banquet held in the Elks Club. As an honored guest at the table with Senator Phelan was Mayor James Rolph, Jr.

Among the hosts were:

George Alpers, Judge J. E. Barry, Dr. Louis Bazet, H. U. Brandenstein, Lewis F. Byington,

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Heart of Lettuce, Roquefort Cheese Dressing
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ELECTRICIANS ON VACATION

Among the members in the Department of Electricity who are out getting close to Mother Nature during their summer vacations are O. K. Jones, J. Goran, Maurice Levy, C. Kellogg, G. C. Osborne and Fred Dunne. Osborne is hidden away in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Kellogg is up in Oregon, and Levy is at Camp Mather.

Leonard S. Leavy, purchaser of supplies for the city, is in the East, and is expected back at his desk July 5.

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Vacation Activities

The commission has a splendid vacation program planned for the children of San Francisco, as announced by the Superintendent of Recreation, Miss Josephine Dows Randall.

These activities include a picnic and outing schedule, and the escorting of girls to the two open-air swimming pools where instruction is given free under competent guidance of two experienced teachers. There will also be a baseball tournament for both junior and senior boys. The junior division will be between 10 and 13 years, and the senior division between 14 and 16 years.

If any of the children are interested in availing themselves of these opportunities they should visit one of the playgrounds and sign up with the director. The picnic schedule is as follows:

Date	Day	Girls	Boys
June			
25	Saturday	Glen Park	Spring Valley
27	Monday	Garfield	Southside
28	Tuesday	M. S. Hayward	James Rolph
29	Wednesday	Jackson	Richmond
30	Thursday	Julius Kahn	Presidio Heights
July			
1	Friday	Mission	Chinatown
2	Saturday	No Picnic	
4	Monday	Annual Picnic	Entire Department
5	Tuesday	No Picnic	
6	Wednesday	North Beach	Excelsior
7	Thursday	21st & Folsom	Funston
8	Friday	Spring Valley	Glen Park
9	Saturday	Bay View	Hamilton
11	Monday	Hamilton	M. S. Hayward
12	Tuesday	McKinley	Jackson
13	Wednesday	I. M. Scott	J. Kahn
14	Thursday	Presidio Heights	Mission
15	Friday	Richmond	Levi Strauss
16	Saturday	James Rolph	North Beach
18	Monday	Southside	James Lick
19	Tuesday	Argonne	Bay View
20	Wednesday	Chinatown	Garfield
21	Thursday	Excelsior	McKinley
22	Friday	Funston	Argonne
23	Saturday	Glen Park	21st and Folsom
25	Monday	Julius Kahn	Spring Valley
26	Tuesday	M. S. Hayward	Southside
27	Wednesday	Jackson	James Rolph
28	Thursday	Jefferson	Richmond
29	Friday	Mission	Presidio Heights

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COMPLIMENTS

OF

A FRIEND

Bridge Hearing Gives City New Mayor

MET the Hon. Warren Shannon, the new "Hiz-zoner." He is running the city for a month during the absence in the east of Mayor James Rolph Jr., with the bridge committee, and the proper way to address him is "Mayor Shannon." He is starting



WARREN SHANNON

out by spending a good deal of time on the job, and has already started one public improvement which the newspapers say is likely to find a vogue at public speaking and in churches. That is the "Stou" signal on the rostrum in the Supervisor's chambers. When a speaker's time is up he turns on the red light, and after that all he has to do is to try and stop him.

The bridge committee comprises Mayor Rolph, Supervisor James B. Mc-

Sheehy, Supervisor Franck H. Havenner, Supervisor William H. Harrelson, City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy, City Attorney John J. O'Toole, and John G. Galoway, one of the bridge engineers.

The conferences began in Washington on June 21, before General Deakyn, and were expected to bring a decision within two weeks. The committee went east with important endorsements, among them the endorsement of Alameda County.

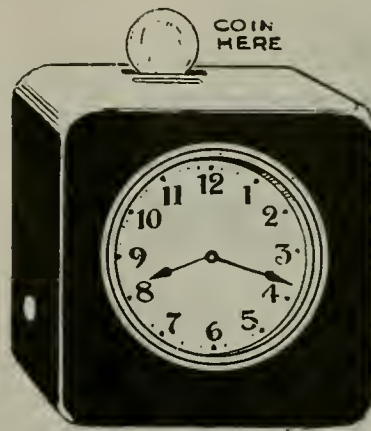
San Francisco's proposed bridge is to be the largest in the history of the world, and an undertaking of inestimable importance to the city. So far the war department has refused to give its sanction to a structure north of Hunter's Point, but in previous tentative proposals the city has not had the backing that it now has, an intelligent plan proposed after investigation by a bridge commission of national engineers and unanimously supported by both sides of the bay.

The committee is confident that, with this backing, it will obtain a change in the war department ruling.

A SIERRA HAVEN

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Date	Day	Boys	Girls
30	Saturday	North Beach	Chinatown
1	Monday	21st and Folsom	Excelsior
2	Tuesday	Spring Valley	Funston
3	Wednesday	James Lick	Glen Park
4	Thursday	Fairmount	Hamilton
5	Friday	Hamilton	Hayward
6	Saturday	Frank McCoppin	Jackson
8	Monday	Presidio Heights	Julius Kahn
9	Tuesday	Richmond	Mission
10	Wednesday	James Rolph	North Beach
11	Thursday	Southside	I. M. Scott
12	Friday	Open in event of	postponed
13	Saturday	picnics	



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A Bridge Lesson

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bottom of the bay and then caissons sunk 40 feet further to rock bottom. The first pier, a tremendous undertaking in itself, was finally completed. The bonding companies were at last convinced and in April, 1925, a group of San Francisco and New York bankers undertook the financing.

Heroic problems were met and overcome each step of the way as the six great piers were sunk. Each was the size of an eleven-story office building constructed in the middle of a flowing stream. In March, 1926, the first steel was put in place and new problems arose. These were met one by one until, in the fall of last year, the band of workers saw ahead the successful completion of their task.

The Dreamer Dies

It was then the tragedy came. Aven J. Hanford, one of the two men who had dreamt the dream, broke under the strain of his ten years' labor and on October 26th he died.

The other dreamer then took over the burden of the duties of president and Mr. Calder, until then resident engineer, was elected vice-president.

The public is too well acquainted with the placing of the final spans which occurred early this year to require repetition here of the problems met. Each weighed 750 tons and had to be raised from barges on the surface of the strait to their places in the bridge 135 feet above water level. Each span was raised by counterweights on cables passed over drums which gave the engineers control over the lifting process. So precisely was the process arranged that less than an hour was required to lift each into place and to shoot into position the four huge bolts which tied each span to the bridge construction already erected.

The Plan Completed

A few weeks later the President of the United States, by signal from Washington, opened the structure to the public, while Governors of four states and a crowd of nearly 150,000 people gathered to celebrate the consummation of The Plan.

So spectacular was the feat of bridge construction that it diverted attention from the tremendous work of road construction necessary to make the bridge accessible. Nearly two miles of approaches were built on the southern side of the straits and nearly a mile on the north side. More than 250,000 cubic yards of earth were moved out of gigantic cuts. The work was done during one of the wettest years ever experienced in the State, causing constant slides in the cuts and miring of trucks which delayed construction.

The Carquinez bridge will be of incalculable benefit to the entire San Francisco bay region, but it is doubly useful to San Francisco itself for it teaches a lesson in the overcoming of obstacles that will prove an inspiration to a city struggling to break its bonds.

PARK AND MUSEUM

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tries, period furniture, statuary, paintings, etchings and rugs valued at more than a million and a half dollars.

The room was formally dedicated Sunday, June 19, following the dedicatory exercises attending the unveiling the statue of Joan of Arc which stands guard over the western gate. The statue was fashioned by

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Teachers' Association

The Teachers Association of San Francisco elected the following officers at the last general election:

John F. Brady, President; Mrs. Ivy Ostrom, Vice-President; Frances Mooney, Secretary; Mabel Sykes, Treasurer.



JOHN F. BRADY

This Association meets on the third Monday of each month in the Auditorium of the Part-time High School.

At the last meeting the Association went on record as endorsing the Board of Education and the Superintendent in their building program policy and conduct of the schools generally. This action was occasioned by the attacks appearing in some of the local papers criticizing the board in

being extravagant. The teachers recent this charge, and stand loyally back of their leaders.

The Association tendered a luncheon to Dr. Joseph Marr Gwinn in honor of his reappointment and acceptance of another four year term as Superintendent. The affair was held at the Palace Hotel, and the Rose Room was filled to capacity. Mr. Brady, president of the Association, delivered an address of welcome which was responded to by Mr. Gwinn and Mr. Esbery, President of the Board of Education.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS.

Following are officers of the San Francisco School Principals Association:

President, Mr. P. H. Rhodes; vice-president, Miss Francis Mooney; secretary, Miss Susie A. Ward; treasurer, Dr. I. C. Hatch.

Directors: Miss M. Smith, Miss E. Berard, Miss M. Dunn, Mr. W. J. Drew, Mr. R. D. Faulkner, Mr. C. E. Markley.

Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month in Room 388, City Hall.

Many of the principals of our schools, as well as the officers of the School Principals Association, will leave to attend the National Educational Association meeting at Seattle July 3 to 7.

PARK AND MUSEUM

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the famous sculptress, Anna Vaughn Hyatt Huntington.

Dr. George Frederick Kunz of New York, president of the Joan of Arc Statue Committee, spoke as the personal representative of Dr. Huntington, donor of statue and Memorial Room. Tribute was paid by Dr. Kunz to Collis P. Huntington, father of the donor and builder of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Brief talks were also made by William F. Humphrey of the Board of Trustees of the Palace, by Mrs. Alma de Brettville Spreckels, its donor, and by Maurice Heilmann, consul general of France.

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BOARD OF WORKS

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nish and deliver underground conduit material for the Municipal Railway system. The Pacific States Electric Company, with a bid of \$6014.94, was the only other bidder. The contract involves 31,000 feet of 3-inch and 24,000 feet of 4-inch conduit, 6 3-inch bends and 15 gallons of compound. Bids were referred to City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy for report.

Contract Awards

American Smelting and Refining Company, bidding \$15.55 per hundred pounds, f.o.b. car barn at 2600 Geary street, was awarded a contract by the supervisors to furnish 5 miles of 3/0 round hard-drawn copper trolley wire for the Municipal Railway system. The company makes an allowance of \$12 for each reel returned. A bond of \$500 for faithful performance of the contract has been filed by the company with the supervisors.

The Standard Underground Cable Company has been awarded a contract by the Board of Supervisors to furnish underground cable for the Department of Electricity, having submitted lowest bid for the material under Proposal No. 302. The contract involves 4000 feet of 40-pair No. 18 saturated paper lead cable at \$0.43 per lineal foot, and 8300 feet of 30-pair No. 18 saturated lead cable at \$0.362 per lineal foot.

Work Completed

Building construction undertaken in San Francisco during the month of May represented an expenditure of \$4,979,792, according to figures compiled by John P. Horgan, chief inspector of buildings of the Department of Public Works. During the month, Horgan reports, 905 permits were issued, of these 516 covered alterations, repairing and additions to existing structures. The balance of the operations covered new construction.

The May operations, according to Horgan, are the highest recorded for the current year, the next best month being April, when 963 permits were issued for improvements aggregating an expenditure of \$4,939,212.

May, 1926, operations totaled 827 permits, the improvements being estimated to cost \$2,634,875.

The following is a segregated list of the operations for the month of May, 1927, as compiled by Horgan, according to the class of construction:

Class	No. of permits	Est. cost
A	3	\$ 695,000
C	35	1,127,502
Frames	347	2,510,311
Alternations	516	470,651
Public Buildings	2	51,328
Harbor Buildings	2	125,000
Total	905	\$4,979,792

Building operations for the past five months, based on the number of building permits, issued are as follows:

	No. of permits	Est. cost
January	693	\$3,528,955
February	623	3,210,978
March	900	4,685,162
April	963	4,939,212
May	905	4,979,792

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The Coroner's Office

FIXING the responsibility for the taking of human life is a grave task, but it is the daily duty of the Coroner's office. Another responsibility of equal moment is that of guarding the public, through recommendation based on experience, against repetition of tragedies which come to the coroner's notice.



CORONER LELAND

Two examples of the execution of these duties by Coroner T. B. W. Leland are furnished by recent tragedies. The fixing of responsibility for the taking of life is usually in the form of an accusation. On rare occasions it takes the form of a commendation. This was the case at the inquest over the body of one Harry Tubb, a 20-year-old youth, who was killed in the Excelsior Theater on Mission Street on May 9 while attempting to rob the theater.

The coroner's jury and the coroner commended the bravery of Police Officers Patrick J. Conroy and E. Wildgans, who interrupted Tubb at his work and boldly placed him under arrest. Tubb attempted to kill Conroy, but was killed by the officer in self-defense.

An example of the duty of protecting the public is offered in the case of Frank Biondi, who was found in an irresponsible condition in Washington Square on the night of May 24. He was picked up by police officers and was found dead in his cell the next morning from apoplexy.

Coroner Leland pointed out that police officers should not be required to decide whether a man is ill or intoxicated, a task difficult at times even for physicians. He strongly recommended that the city station physician at the city jail to pass on the condition of all prisoners brought in. This recommendation was incorporated in the verdict of the jury.

The Coroner also points to a change in the state law which will be of interest to future jurymen. Under the new law the jury does not have to view the body of the deceased unless it is judged necessary by the coroner. This will save expense to relatives of deceased persons, who have had to transport juries to undertaking parlors and back again; it will save time of juries, and will result in other benefits to all concerned.

CELEBRATING THE FOURTH

In line with the practice of many years past elaborate plans have been made this year for an Independence Day celebration at Civic Auditorium. A special committee headed by Supervisor J. Emmet Hayden is now at work arranging the details of the celebration. On the committee are Mayor James Rolph Jr. as Honorary Chairman; Supervisor and Acting-Mayor Warren Shannon as General Chairman, Hon. Thomas F. Boyle, Treasurer, and Miss Elizabeth Hayes, secretary.

A Grand Ball is being arranged for the evening at the Auditorium in honor of the enlisted men of the navy, who will be guests of the city. Several thousand are expected to be present from the men-of-war.

The program as arranged so far is as follows:

- 10 a.m.—Championship Rowing Races, foot of Third St.
- 1 p.m.—Band Concert, Civic Auditorium.
- 2 p.m.—Harness Races, Golden Gate Park.
- 2.15 p.m.—Literary Exercises, Civic Auditorium.
- 7.30 p.m.—Concert, Civic Center, by U.S. Navy Band.
- 8 p.m.—Fireworks, Civic Center.
- 9.15 p.m.—Grand Ball, Civic Auditorium.

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Board of Works

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Whatever the dope is on Bill Hamilton there must be a nurse in it somewhere because he's always singing "I Don't Want to Get Well."

Dick Edwards was reported the other day to be in competition with Mad Bull and other Indians who were started on the Redwood Highway Marathon by Mayor Rolph, only Dick was doing his sprinting on Powell Street with "Sederick" right behind him.

Dick Fitzgerald is up on the Feather River for his vacation. So is Benny Benedict from the mayor's office. Each has a deck of cards. One or the other is likely to come home clothed in a barrel.

Lost—a goat from the timekeeper's office. Return to Joe Jordan.

The Hooker hotel up in Seattle is in for another good time. Andy Geggus of the cashier's office is up there again. Next to home he likes it best.

Miss Isabelle Walaek returned full of pep from her vacation. She says she dropped seventeen pounds somewhere on the trip.

Miss Ketchen is going to get a dog license for her fliv. She left it in front of her house the other day and the pound man came along and drove it away.

Matt Butler plays a funny game of golf. He always takes a fat suit case with him but no clubs when he goes out on week-ends, and when he comes back the suit case is practically empty.

Sid Hester is all taped up from a recent accident.

Charlie Lynch and Henry Shields of the building inspector's office are up at Tahoe talking to the fishes.

Horace B. Chaffee, official photographer for the Board of Public Works, is on his way up north for a trip that will take him into Canada. Mrs. Chaffee is acting as generalissimo of the journey. Horace will tell it with pictures when he comes back.

H. A. Mason, of the Board of Supervisors' office, is out in the country communing with the bees and the flowers. Henry is regarded as one of the best posted men in the entire state on municipal affairs, and has a load of responsibilities waiting for him when he comes back.

John W. Rogers, chief deputy clerk of the Board of Supervisors, is reported ill after his strenuous two months work on behalf of the bond issues. John had charge of the detail of organizing and conducting the campaign, and is entitled to a rest.

William F. Benedict, assistant secretary to Mayor Rolph, accompanied by Mrs. Benedict, is spending a vacation in the Fether River country. Master Benedict meanwhile is having a good time at the Boy Scouts' Camp.

Miss Lucille Peatry, stenographer in Mayor's Rolph office, is enjoying her vacation during the absence of Mayor Rolph in the East, where he is attending the bay bridge hearing.

THE ELEVATOR BOYS

Arthur Fabrini, who was formerly on the elevator staff of the City Hall, is still the talk of the boys in the cages. He had a fortune left to him by a relative and immediately went back to Italy to see if it looked as good to him as when he left. Then he came back to San Francisco and gathered up his family to take them back there to live.

Joe Devries is away on his vacation.

Teddy Wise is down at Hollywood for his two weeks.

Mayor Rolph has been authorized by the Supervisors to appoint a citizens' committee to make arrangements for the celebration of Labor Day, September 5.

The Relief Home

Mr. Charles Wollenberg, superintendent of the Relief Home, who is now in Europe, came near having to cable home for funds for breakfast not long ago. No one knew anything of the near tragedy until a copy of the Paris Times arrived with the story of how Mr. Wollenberg saved his purse and his American reputation. The Paris newspaper credits



him with being an official of the San Francisco Police Department, otherwise it seems to have the story straight. He and Mrs. Wollenberg had just stepped off the train at the Gare des Invalides and were being jostled around by the Gare crowd when—but let the Paris newspaper tell it.

"In the crowd Mr. Wollenberg was being thoroughly jostled, but he did not mind that. He has been in crowds in San Francisco. What annoyed him was somebody else's hand in his pocket. When in Paris do as in San Francisco, is Mr. Wollenberg's motto. The hand in his pocket lightly gripped a wallet containing 20,000 francs. Mr. Wollenberg lightly gripped the hand and took it out of the crowd. He found Signor Bergatto attached. He took Signor Bergatto and introduced him to the special police commissioner of the Gare des Invalides. Then Mr. and Mrs. Wollenberg went on to their hotel."

The Parkside players presented two plays, "Sardines" and "Excuse Me" Monday evening, June 13. The show was attended by all the old folks.

Alfred G. Gardner, helper at the home, disappeared on May 19 and left all his belongings. He was a member of the crew of the German sea raider Emden and was kept a prisoner of war in Australia until the Armistice. Any information about him will be appreciated.

Residents of the Relief Home always take a keen interest in civic affairs, and their vote at the bond election June 14 was all on the side of the Progress Bonds. Following is a tabulation of the vote at the home:

BERNAL CUT—Yes, 101, 108: 209. No, 12, 10: 22.
MEMORIAL HALL—Yes, 87, 91: 178. No, 25, 23: 48.
MUNICIPAL RY.—Yes, 105, 94: 199. No, 12, 18: 30.
SPRING VALLEY—Yes, 88, 87: 175. No, 29, 25: 54.
GARBAGE—Yes, 59, 63: 122. No, 55, 50: 105.

POLICE ACCEPT CHALLENGE

The police department has accepted a challenge from the letter carriers and will enter a relay team in the track and field meet to be held at California Park, Marin County, Sunday, July 3, as a feature of the Letter Carriers' outing. Each team has three victories to its credit so far.

Mrs. Jennie Peterson, checker at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, is away on her vacation.

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Civil Service Association

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But like most movements of a similar type, after the first dangers had passed, and had been successfully combated, interest began to wane, and membership dwindled. A handful of veterans stood by, however, and held the original organization together until March 10, 1914, when a healthy and lasting reorganization was effected.

Today we stand nearly 700 strong with members recruited from every office and department of the city government (fire and police departments excluded) and with a substantial treasury, despite the fact that we have expended many hundred of dollars in defense of Civil Service principles and backing movements tending toward advancement of the system for the benefit of Civil Service employees generally.

Prominent among the measures we have supported and helped to carry to victory was the Retirement System for City Employees, the exemplar today among the many systems adopted by American cities, and the lasting benefits of which cannot be overestimated.

Standardization of salaries was another important measure which we heartily and ably supported, and in this we still have work ahead of us in order to place the plan on a high level of perfection, just to the city and fair to the employees.

We have consistently and successfully fought against the adoption of legislation that, if carried, would have seriously affected the Merit System and the interests of all employees.

At all times we have adhered religiously to the tenets of our original aims and objects, avoiding carefully even the appearance of entangling political alliances, holding always before us the following creed:

"I pledge to my city a more complete understanding of her problems, a more liberal conception of her limitations, a more hopeful attitude towards her needs, and a more active participation in the broader functions of her citizenship in order that my city may become a greater credit to itself, to America, and to God because of my having lived in it."

CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The San Francisco Municipal Civil Service Association meets at California Hall, Room 403, Turk and Polk streets, on the second Tuesday night of each month, at 8 o'clock. Following are the officers for 1927-28:

C. L. Balliet, President; Ivan Flamm, Vice-President; Edw. M. Coffey, Recording Secretary; Chas. W. Meyer, Secretary; Percy R. Hennessy, Treasurer; Wm. P. O'Connor, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Executive Committee, Daniel J. McGloin, Chairman, meets third Wednesday night of each month, at 8 o'clock, room 228, City Hall. Edwin J. McDevitt, Assessor's Office; John I. Bradley, Auditor's Office; Jas. A. Wilson, County Clerk's Office; Daniel J. McGloin, Recorder's Office; Wm. J. Carr, Sheriff's Office; Edw. C. Harrington, Tax Office; Louis Claveloux, Treasurer's Office; J. H. Zemansky, Dept. of Elections; C. L. Balliet, Dept. of Electricity; Dan V. Drew, Coroner's Department; W. H. Griffin, Clerk, Board of Works; Jas. W. Reinfeld, Mechanics, Board of Works; Ivan Flamm, Engineering and Architecture, Board of Works; George E. Bosch, Janitors, Board of Works; J. George Thomas, Dept. of Health; Walter T. Lee, Dept. of Health; Wm. McMahon, Dept. of Education.

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The Chinese Playground

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I had one thing in my favor. Mr. Oliver Chang was appointed director of boys' activities in the Chinatown Playground and I found at the start that I could count on his full and loyal cooperation.

I decided that success or failure would depend upon the policy I adopted at the outset and that, once started, I must keep on with the course I decided upon. The Chinese children are shy, keen observers and quick to detect a fraud or the slightest hint of patronizing. They submit to this when they have to, but, secretly, they resent it bitterly. And I do not blame them for that.

So from the first I declined to meet them upon any but grounds of level equality. I did not recognize, much less combat, their prejudices or restrictions, I took them at face value as American-born of an alien race, but Americans just the same.

On the tennis courts and the basket ball ground I ignored any hints that these girls did not want to play with those girls because—because—because—reasons that seem vague and invalid to a casual observer but which are very real to themselves. I took it for granted that everything was going well and insisted quietly that it go so. And when I took a racket with the girls, or joined in a game of basket ball getting things started, I selected those who were to play. And I made it a point to see that those selections forced into contact the girls among whom I wanted to break down restrictions.

With other children under parallel conditions this might not have worked. But the Chinese take great pride in being polite to those who are polite to them. To have disappointed me would have been to fail in politeness. So I got a wonderful response to my efforts. I found the Chinese children orderly, obedient and amiable as well as the best of good sports. They took to the playground games like ducks to water just as soon as they found that they were brought into activities as a matter of course and not to be ridiculed or put at a disadvantage. They are easy to lead, impossible to drive. I like them and I think that for that reason they like me.

Now when we reach what public utilities call the "peak load" the Chinatown Playground is packed like a can of sardines with children hard at work playing. And the playground is for the children, not the children for the playground. They are American-born children, eager to be Americans in spirit and patriotism yet holding a pride for their ancient race with its own distinctive culture.

The success of this experiment is a great triumph for the City of San Francisco and its officials. And I am grateful for the chance to help in my own humble way to accomplish a fine work of Americanization whose very difficulty has attracted nation-wide attention, attested to by the number and interest of visitors from other cities who come to question and observe.

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The result of this opening up of a business area to an undeveloped section means an influx of settlers into the undeveloped area and consequent impetus to the growth of the entire city. Home building results, and, it is needless to point out the value of this to a city. San Franciscans have seen west of Twin Peaks area spring up into a promising city of magnificent homes since the construction of the Twin Peaks tunnel. San Franciscans will see within the next year or two a reproduction of that great west of Twin Peaks development in the northern part of the Sunset-Parkside district.

San Francisco has been held down in the race for population by the small territory which it includes. Los Angeles was able to grow because it could expand out over a great area. San Francisco lost many thousands in population by reason of the fact that she had no place for homes within her transportation system and these citizens moved across the bay. The opening of the Sunset tunnel extends San Francisco's home area (not much more than two blocks from a car line) by hundreds of acres and will result in an increased population for this city of 300,000 in less than five years. In other words, if San Francisco had no other means of growth than merely the opening of the western half of the city to home seekers, she could reach the million mark in five years.



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and lay the pipe across the San Joaquin Valley will require \$24,000,000 more of bonds which must be provided in 1928. This will deliver water from Hetch Hetchy as far as Crystal Springs, and if the money is provided, this work will be completed in 1932, and it must be completed not later than 1933, for in that year, due to the growth of San Francisco, the water consumption will have reached the developed capacity of the Spring Valley system, namely 65 million gallons daily.

The Spring Valley system offers the only proper and logical method of bringing water from Crystal Springs to San Francisco and distributing it to the residents. This company owns and has developed three large reservoirs on the San Mateo peninsula—Pilarcitos, San Andres, and Crystal Springs, which have a capacity of 30 billion gallons, which storage is sufficient to provide for approximately one year's consumption of a population of a million people. This storage close in to San Francisco is absolutely essential from a conservative engineering point of view, to protect the citizens of San Francisco against a water shortage in the event that any catastrophe should befall the aqueduct leading over 160 miles from the Sierras, crossing several mountain ranges and San Francisco Bay, which might require several months for proper repairs to be made.

The question of purchasing the Spring Valley system recently submitted to the voters, while receiving a decided majority of votes, fell short of the necessary two-thirds required to carry.

The failure to carry this issue may be laid to a lack of understanding of the general public as to the necessity of the Spring Valley system as a part of the Hetch Hetchy system, and points to the necessity of a general educational campaign along these lines.

It must be considered that the defeat of these bonds is only a postponement of the day when San Francisco will acquire these properties. The purchase ultimately is inevitable.

Police Commissioner Theodore Roche has been granted permission by the Supervisors to leave the state for thirty days.

FLATLEY LOSS MOURNED

Officials and employees of the City Hall were shocked last month at the suddenness of the tragedy which took the life of George W. Flatley, known for many years in labor circles and in civic affairs. For many years he has been present at every meeting of the Board of Supervisors and at all meetings of important committees. He was a close follower of civic progress.

Mr. Flatley had gone to Carpenters Hall May 10 to attend a meeting of the Executive Board of the Electrical Workers' Union, of which he was a member. He was sitting in a rocking chair in the office cleaning his revolver when it dropped from his hands and exploded, the bullet striking him in the back. Mr. Flatley was a deputy sheriff.

He had been connected with the labor movement here for a quarter of a century, and was a close friend and advisor of Supervisor W. P. Stanton, president of the San Francisco Labor Council.

Permission has been granted William A. Sherman of the Board of Fire Commissioners to leave the state for sixty days.

Tribute to City Employees

TO BE an employee of the City of San Francisco is a distinction, just as it is always a distinction to be of public service, is the opinion of James D. Phelan, former United States Senator and former mayor of this city.

The opinion is contained in a letter to the Municipal Employee, and is reproduced here as an expression of one of the most prominent citizens of the city and state on the importance of the clientele of this magazine. Following is the letter in full:

The Municipal Employee,
1095 Market Street, Room 516,

The city is our largest employer, and it should set up standards that all other employers might wisely emulate. The men and women who are serving in different capacities in the municipal government should feel a certain distinction arising from the fact—which cannot apply to other employees.

To work for one's government, as to fight for one's government, appeals strongly to the imagination and stirs the affections. The element of loyalty runs more strongly with service for a government than for an individual, because the government, that is, the organized community, has a right to call upon one for service, and necessarily holds a more important and dignified position, as an employer, than is possible for a partnership, firm, corporation or individual.

One should find especial pleasure in working for his government. The officers of the army and navy feel that a large part of their compensation arises from the honor and distinction that comes from public service of that kind. Men of distinguished ability, as engineers, for instance, graduates of the West Point and Annapolis academies, where the standards are higher than in any university, feel very often that they might command greater pay in private employment, but they stick to the service because it is the service of their country.

In this spirit municipal employees should feel they are enjoying a privilege; and, protected by the Civil Service law, they can justly hold themselves, as in the army and navy, as occupying a permanent place which cannot be disturbed, unless for adequate cause. If they are capable and loyal, they will not give that cause, and hence, in making a career of public work, they should feel their relations to the community are, in an exceptional way, worthy and honorable. And the good they do, in whatever capacity they serve, it must be borne in mind, is done for the benefit of all.—I am,

Very truly yours,
JAMES D. PHELAN.

Rev. D. O. Crowley, widely known and beloved priest, and a member of the Playgrounds Commission, a few days ago saw destroyed the institution to which he has given a large part of his life, the Youths' Directory. Father Crowley has been confined to his bed for more than a year, and was not aware that the directory was on fire until firemen burst into his room and carried him out. He is now at the home of Eustace Cullinan, a life-long friend. Father Crowley founded the Youths' Directory in 1886, and has been its executive head for forty-one years. The fire started near the roof from an over-heated flue, and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. The building was gutted. Plans for its reconstruction are being discussed.

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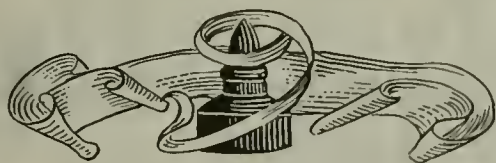
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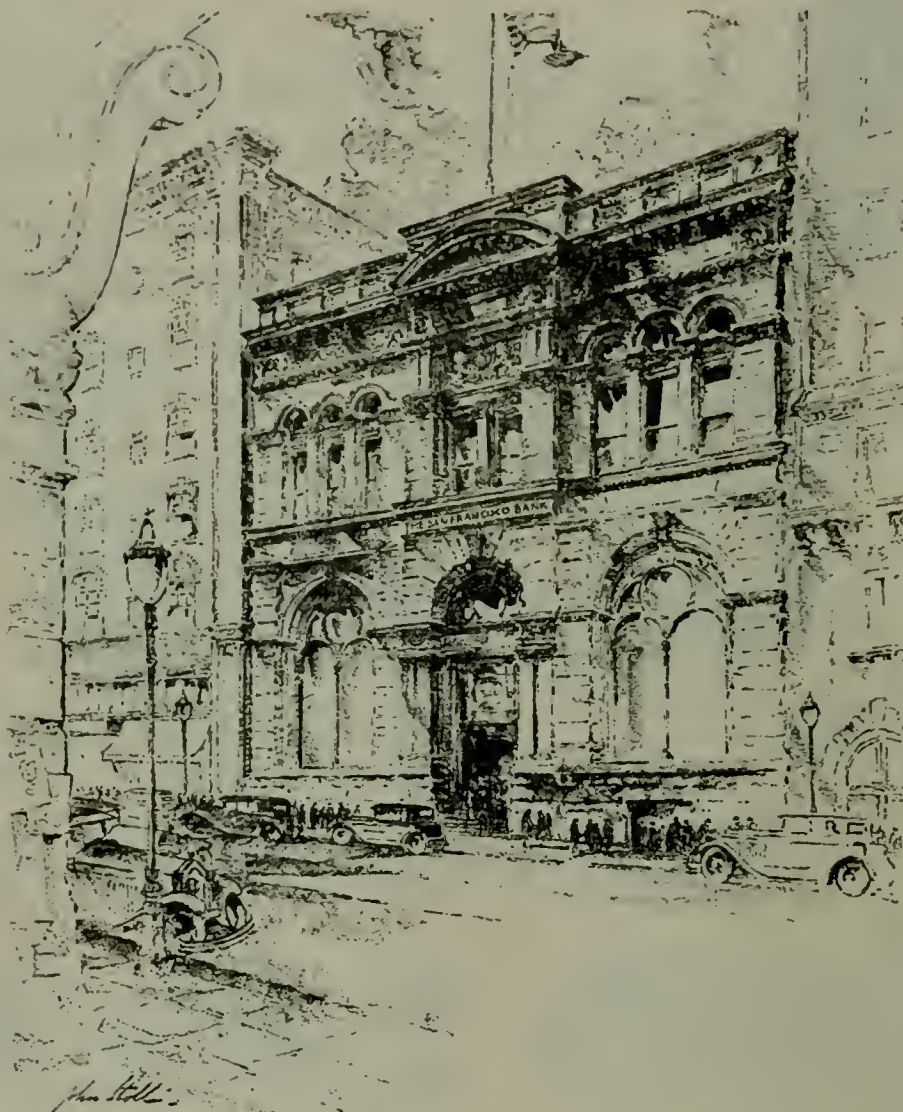
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Taking a Bow

THE first issue of the Municipal Employee met with such sincere approval from all sources that it wishes to lose no time in thanking its friends for their words of commendation.

Two days after the magazine was off the press last month the issue was nearly exhausted, and a copy was to be found in the home of practically every employee of the municipality. The commendation has come not only from employees themselves and from city officials in general, but from business men and citizens interested in civic affairs. All agreed that it occupies a field in which it has an unlimited opportunity for good, and many

friends have been kind enough to say that the first issue gives proof of its intention and ability to fulfill its purpose.

The letter of Mayor Rolph, which is reproduced in this issue, is indicative of the heartiness and sincerity of the words of praise that have come our way. It is reproduced because the editors are proud of it, and in order that all employees of the municipality may share in its eulogy. The cooperation of the heads of departments, the helpful interest of the body of employees and the invaluable aid of the individuals named as staff editors have made success of the magazine possible.

All this is not said in vain self-assertion. Praise from one's fellows produces in the honest heart a sense of unworthiness and a determination to merit in the future what has been said of one's first modest efforts. This is the spirit in which the letter of Mayor Rolph is received, and so, with renewed confidence, this magazine re-dedicates itself herewith to the manifold interests of those ten thousand employees who are responsible for the reputation that San Francisco is one of the best governed cities in the United States.

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August 1927

Need for City Sports

THERE are many phases of municipal government in which San Francisco has pioneered, but it is a bit behind the times in organized sport. There are few industrial organizations of such tremendous size that have not an organized sport program.

It is respectfully suggested that an effort be made to co-ordinate the activities of such departments as police, fire and engineering. The former two have had baseball, tug-of-war and other teams that have appeared sporadically in public events. This month the engineers enter the realm of sports with a baseball team that has just been organized and which is playing its first game in a few days in Los Angeles with the crack team of the Los Angeles Engineering bureau.

The Municipal Airport

By George D. Burr

The rapidity with which the San Francisco Municipal Airport took form after its construction was authorized amazed airmen and engineers. The history of the steps which led to its purchase and completion is told here by Mr. Burr, assistant engineer in charge of construction, working under the direction of City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy.

THE newest municipal utility is here. Mills Field Municipal Airport of San Francisco is now a reality. It is the result of the efforts of those few farseeing persons who visualized the events that are now bringing air transportation into prominence.

Since the closing of the Marina to aircraft, some business men and sport fliers have kept fanning the spark, hoping to create public interest in a landing field. Their efforts were centered upon the National Aeronautical Association and the California Development Association working through the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, which body conducted an investigation cul-

by 5000 feet was recommended as the smallest that would be suitable.

Airport Committee Named

The Board of Supervisors then became actively engaged in the selection of a site. A joint airport committee was formed of which Milo Kent was made chairman. This committee called on J. J. Phillips of the city engineer's office to assist in investigating the many locations being considered. M. M. O'Shaughnessy, city engineer, appointed the writer to assist Mr. Phillips in his work. Airport sites from Palo Alto to the Marina and from the Sunset District to Bay Farm Island were



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THE ADMINISTRATION BUILD-
ING AND HANGAR; AND, BE-
LOW, THE FIELD JUST BEFORE
THE DEDICATION

minating in a report filed on October 15, 1925. This report recommended the construction of a 140-acre fill south of Hunters Point at a cost of not less than \$1,000,000, or about \$7400 per acre.

The chamber remained active throughout the next year and the Board of Supervisors appropriated \$100,000 in the 1926-1927 budget for airport purposes. At the same time the chamber submitted a new report recommending the selection of some site in the area bounded by South San Francisco, Burlingame, the Peninsular Highway and San Francisco Bay, stating that, although proximity to the center of the city was of vital importance to a successful airport, there was no suitable location closer, due to aerological and topographic conditions. An area of not less than 3000 feet

investigated, both from the land and the air. The assistance rendered by the army through Majors H. B. Claggett and D. C. Emmons and their staffs should have the everlasting appreciation of the city.

On November 1, 1926, the city engineer filed a report with the supervisors covering the extent, possibilities and estimated cost of all sites thought worthy of consideration or seriously proposed by any party. These sites were located at Millbrae, South San Francisco, Beresford, Lomita Park, San Mateo Point, San Bruno, Bay Farm Island, the Marina, and Redwood City. This report put into the hands of the board the concrete facts and showed conclusively that any airport of the required size, namely, not less than 340

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Flying into the Big Money

By
W. H. Omen



LANDING AT NIGHT
D. C. Warren in Travelair Plane making the first night landing at the Municipal Airport.

SINCE the beginning of recorded history the location and prosperity of cities has been determined by the demands of commerce. Camel routes across the deserts fixed the locations of the cities of Biblical times. Water borne commerce made possible the growth of London and Hamburg. Rail and water transportation built the rich cities of Chicago and New York.

Modern civilization has brought two new means of transportation, the automobile and the airplane. And of these the latter offers the imagination the widest range. The future great cities of the world will be those which offer the best facilities for the movement of passengers and freight over the most convenient routes. Recent development of aviation indicates that the factor of airplane traffic will henceforth be an important one in determining the prosperity of cities.

For this reason modern cities are looking toward the acquisition of airports and the promotion of airplane travel. San Francisco has made its start with Mills Field, but it is only a start. It will not be many years before cities everywhere realize that if they would hold their own in the business world they must offer greater facilities for the landing and taking off of heavily laden aircraft. That is why the business of flying is no longer regarded as a dangerous sport but as a matter for municipal budgets.

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Cost is not to be considered. It is true that present day planes are relatively expensive but it is likewise true that airplane motors are hand machined and airplane fuselages and wings are hand constructed. With

increased numbers of airships the cost will be cut down by quantity production just as the cost of automobiles has been reduced. Machine and jig construction methods will replace the hand welding, hand woodworking and hand machinery.

The true test of the worth of the airplane to business is performance and reliability. Even admitting that air transportation will save much valuable time, the great question still remains, will it carry sufficiently large packages or units of goods? Will the goods surely arrive safely and on schedule? The answer to these questions is given by the airships now flying and by the reliability of the present air lines. These features will be gone into in detail.

Carry Huge Loads

A large modern transport plane weighing but 5200 pounds will carry a useful load of 4000 pounds. A smaller ship weighing 1850 pounds will carry a useful load of 1425 pounds. A small sport plane will run 35 miles on a gallon of gasoline, while one operator claims 60 miles per gallon for a given trip. A safe average fuel consumption for moderately sized ships is 10 miles per gallon. These performances are the equal of our motor trucks of like capacity. The endurance records of the best aviation engines are superior to that of our best automobile engines. This last fact has been dramatically demonstrated by the several recent successful trips across the Atlantic and Pacific.

The reliability of present air transportation lines is favorably comparable with that of any known means of transportation. During the fiscal year 1926 the Government-operated air mail flew 2,547,992 miles, over a million of which were flown at night. Only two fatalities occurred. Consider this fact of over 1,270,000 miles flown per fatality and compare it with known automobile and train accident records. The percentage of "on time" arrivals has crept up till at the present it equals the mail train records.

The wide range of utility of air transportation is illustrated by the present day purposes to which commercial airplanes are put. Large commercial companies are now devoted exclusively to aerial surveying

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The Boy Scout As a Civic Asset

By Raymond O. Hanson

Scout Executive San Francisco District

IT is generally conceded that the boy is the city's greatest asset, no matter how prolific in resources the community may be. The die of citizenship is cast in youth, and business and professional leaders are recognizing the fact that, of more importance to



RAYMOND O. HANSON
Scout Executive

the community than the promotion of real estate values, the convenience of street railways, the paving of streets or the construction of buildings, is the welfare of its boyhood. We are coming more and more to the realization that it is far better to rear a light-house above the waves of life's conflicting forces and steer a boy's energies into the proper channels, then to be compelled, later on, to expend time and money and energy in salvaging the ship that has floundered upon the rocks.

This we are endeavoring to do through the medium of the Boy Scout movement which has come to take so large a place in the life of San Francisco. Seventeen thousand boys have received the benefits of this program in our own community, and they have made an indelible impression upon our civic life. Every year five thousand Boy Scouts are demonstrating to the people of San Francisco the worth-whileness of this great program. Public school authorities have been profuse in their expressions of appreciation of all that the movement has meant in elevating the tone of school-life, following the commitment of these boys to the Scout Oath:

"On my honor I will do my best;

To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

The success of Scouting may be attributed to two outstanding features, viz.: program and leadership. The program, which today is practically the same as it was on the day of its inception, contains an unequalled appeal to the elemental instincts of the growing boy. It teaches him how to do things worth-while. It gives him self-confidence and affords him an opportunity for cultivating practical leadership ability. It gives him a code of conduct which is positive and concrete, rather than abstract and indefinite. This code of ethics, which is embodied in the Scout Oath and Law, takes a surprising hold upon the imagination of the boy, who often molds his entire life along the lines suggested. It is a code which contains elements of self-sacrifice and service and which does not fail to carry over into the boy's later life, becoming a very effective motivating power toward a high standard of living.

To guide such a vast number of boys requires a great

staff of leaders. The strength of the organization lies in this supervising group which, with the exception of a relatively small number of men engaged professionally in promoting the work, consists entirely of volunteer leaders. The boys are placed, at an impressionable age, under the supervision of men who are actuated by no other desire than that of serving boyhood. These men are of unquestionable character and integrity.

The boy is essentially a hero worshipper. Consciously or unconsciously he forms his career along the lines indicated by the man whom he admires. He often lacks the judgment to select his model wisely, and may choose an undesirable ideal as easily as he may select one of the highest type. In Scouting he is provided with the friendship of a man who has been put to the acid test, and the influence exerted over this vast army of boys cannot be estimated in ordinary terms.

The home is the ideal social environment for the boy, and the Scout movement does not seek to supplant this basic factor. It does, nevertheless, endeavor to supplement it in many ways, instilling into the boy a sense of responsibility and a willingness to cooperate with his parents. Loyalty to home and parents is emphasized in every phase of activity, and every effort is made to strengthen the home ties.

The statement is often made that the home of today constitutes one of the weakest links in our social scheme of things; yet it is most essential that it should be the strongest. The assertion may apply to many cases, but the average American home stands upon a considerably sounder basis than is generally presumed.

According to carefully compiled statistics, the Scout age boy spends 45 per cent of his time in leisure. A large group of children was observed at leisure and fully 50 per cent were found to be non-constructively occupied. The parents are often too busy making a living to give leadership to this great amount of time at the disposal of their children, and they cry out for assistance. Scouting stands ready and willing to render aid, for its program is not a one-night-a-week program, but one which covers every hour of the day. It suggests innumerable activities and gives leadership to them. It provides a carefully thought out plan of self-government. Unsupervised leisure time breeds delinquency. Scouts are always busy, and are consequently unknown upon police blotters and juvenile court records.

The vocational guidance aspect of Scouting, which is promoted through the merit badge program, has constituted a very strong factor in helping boys to find themselves, and to determine their future course in life. The Boy Scout movement does not pretend to train a boy for a trade or a profession, but it does contend that this program will enable him to test his inherent capacities and start out in the right direction. It also occupies his leisure time with worth-while things to do and makes it possible for him to receive a definite training through the project method of "learning by doing."

Fighting for a Trans-Bay Bridge

By Supervisor James B. McSheehy
Chairman Bay Bridge Commission

WHAT did San Francisco's Bay Bridge Commission accomplish in Washington? Was its trip across the continent justified? Did it bring the bay city communities any closer to the realization of their objective of a central bay crossing?

As chairman of the Bridge Commission and on behalf of my colleagues, Mayor Rolph, City Attorney O'Toole, Supervisors Harrelson and Havenner, City Engineer O'Shaughnessy and Consulting Engineer Galloway, I feel that in any discussion of our trip to the national capital I should seek to answer these questions.

It is my firm belief that the work done in Washington will be instrumental in hastening the construction of a central bay bridge by several years. And for these reasons:

1 The source of opposition to the proposed bridge has been definitely placed and the commission now has a mark at which to aim.

2 The atmosphere is cleared for future operations by the revelation of just how unsubstantial is the objection to the proposed bridge.

3 The entire question has been advanced from the regions of departmental bureaucracy into the healthier and more invigorating realm of public opinion.

4 Public opinion, not alone in California, but in the great eastern centers of population, has been educated to the necessity of the solution of our bay problem. The support of press and public alike has been commanded.

5 The Commission, if it fails to receive a favorable decision from the Department of War, is afforded ample time to map out its plans for a battle in the forthcoming Congress. The importance of this step is emphasized by the fact that the preliminary work can best be done while our Senators and Representatives are among us so that the lines of the coming campaign may be formed and supporting columns of national, state and city officers, civic organizations, the press and the public may be marshalled for the fight.

These things could not have been accomplished by remaining at home, as the history of the bridge agitation for more than five years has shown.

As a result of the hearing before the Board of Army Engineers, discussions with the Secretaries of War, Commerce, the Interior and the Navy, the conferences with the Board of Admirals and the encouragement received from members of Congress and the editors of important organs of public opinion, the Commission returns with new hope and determination.

The next definite step is already in the making. Already the services of California's Senators and of San Francisco's representatives in Congress have been formally enlisted, as have the aid and support of such leaders of public opinion as the mayors of the trans-bay cities, the heads of chambers of commerce, labor organizations, civic clubs and the daily press.

Two distinguished Senators from an adjoining State—Senators Pittman and Oddie of Nevada—and another distinguished member of the upper house—Senator Borah of Idaho—have pledged us their cooperation. In addition to a large measure of support enlisted in Washington, Representative James of Michigan, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, has volunteered his aid. Similar expressions have come from Congressmen in different parts of our own state.

With these forces behind us there is every indication that San Francisco will, within the next few months, have made the bridge question one of paramount importance in national affairs and that the tide of public opinion will sweep so strongly in favor of

an affirmative decision that the fight will be won.

I have spoken before the Board of Supervisors of the splendid service rendered by each and every member of the Commission that was sent to Washington. I take occasion here to reiterate these sentiments.

It sometimes happens that when commissions of this character are formed, especially on short notice, there is a resultant lack of harmony, a division of opinion as to proper procedure and no real accomplishment.

Such was not, in my estimation, the case with San Francisco's Bay Bridge Commission. Speaking of my colleagues, I say with conviction that each had a definite duty to perform, for which duty he proved himself singularly well fitted and that in its execution he had in mind not personal aggrandizement, but the best interests of the entire project.

Mayor Rolph was assigned the duty of presenting our case on behalf of the people of San Francisco and he made a presentation that was a credit to himself and our city. In many important cities through which we passed the newspapermen sought him out for interviews and accorded him substantial space in which to

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[Photo by Bushnell.]

Making New Citizens

By Judge T. I. Fitzpatrick

OUR country has often been called "the melting pot of the world." All nations are represented here, and one of the most difficult questions the legislative and judicial branches of our Government have had to deal with has been the establishment of proper standards for the admission of persons of foreign birth to citizenship.

The state courts have set aside certain days for the hearing of naturalization petitions, when the applicants, with their witnesses, present themselves for examination. Those not familiar with the nature of the requirements for admission believe these proceedings to be merely perfunctory. A day's attendance at a naturalization hearing, however, would soon convince one to the contrary.

A deputy from the Department of Labor represents the Government at these hearings, his duty being to assist the court in examining the applicants regarding their qualification, and inquiring into their moral character, their general knowledge of our history, and views regarding our form of Government and loyalty to its principles.

Let me pause here for a moment and say a word for the average foreigner applying for citizenship. I have marveled at the familiarity shown by them with our history, and with the provisions of our constitution and the amendments thereto. Many of them can discuss readily the battles of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, as well as technical questions such as the veto power of the President, the manner in which the constitution may be amended, etc. Very often, on questioning the applicant, you will find that he or she has attended public school or night classes.

Opposes Government Rule

From time to time I have differed with the United States Government representative as to the penalty that should be imposed upon the foreigner who claimed exemption from the war draft, the Government officials insisting upon following the decision of Judge Bledsoe in the Lindner case, and moving the denial of the application upon that sole ground. I believe this to be a very drastic rule, and that each case should stand on its own merits. It was my experience, after investigating a great many of these cases, that the Government, represented by the draft boards, had refused to accept for military service aliens who were willing to fight in the United States Army, telling them they were not wanted as they were enemy aliens, and directing them to claim exemption. Such being the case, why should the Government five or six years afterwards take advantage of its own act, and, solely upon that ground—the applicant being eligible in every other respect—refuse him citizenship?

In view of the fact that a foreigner has lived in this country the required length of time—five years—and is anxious to renounce his allegiance to his native country and become an American citizen, we should, in my opinion, extend to him the hand of welcome and he should be made to feel that as long as he lives here, raises his family, has the protection of our laws and enjoys the few remaining liberties that we possess,



JUDGE TIMOTHY I. FITZPATRICK

he ought to assume and share in the responsibilities of citizenship.

I was indeed happy when, in May of last year, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Massachusetts in the case of Jacob Tuten vs. the United States overruled the Lindner decision, the court deciding that the denial of citizenship on the sole ground that the petitioner had claimed exemption from military service was insufficient and unwarranted by law.

While on this subject, and in closing, I wish to comment on the attitude of the Government recently expressed. The department, through its representatives here, has endeavored to take all the naturalization cases from the State Courts. The Board of Examiners—not a judicial body—examines the applicants on the theory that, the Federal Court calendar being clogged (mostly with prohibition cases), the judges have no time for hearing naturalization matters. The method is to take a large class into court and admit all, on motion, to citizenship, without any examination by the court. This method, being a wholesale way of doing business, leaves a poor impression upon the applicant.

The judges of the state courts have never complained about handling naturalization matters, and have handled them for many years without scandal or criticism. In fact, all of the scandals attached to naturalization have been connected with the Federal Department. A strong movement is now on foot to correct this practice of blanketing in applicants in a wholesale manner.

A LETTER FROM MAYOR ROLPH

Words of praise are always sweet to the ear. The Municipal Employee is proud of this letter from the Chief Executive of the city and publishes it in full that all employees may share in its satisfaction.

**MAYOR'S OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO**

July 13, 1927.

The Municipal Employee,
Room 516, 1095 Market Street,
San Francisco.

Attention Mr. J. D. Gibson.

Gentlemen:

I have examined with a great deal of interest the first issue of The Municipal Employee, which I found upon my desk when I returned home from Washington, D.C., a few days ago, and I am taking the first opportunity to congratulate you upon the excellence of the publication.

I of course knew, previous to the publication date, that you had in preparation such a magazine, but I did not know that it would cover such a wide scope nor that such care would be taken in its compilation. The result of your endeavor has therefore been a very pleasant surprise and one which redounds to the great credit of the editors and staff.

For the first time the employees of the City of San Francisco have a publication which serves them by disseminating accurate information concerning the activities of the municipality and of the employees themselves.

I hope that the high standard which you have set for this publication will be rigidly maintained, as I am sure it will be, and that your magazine will increase in value with each issue.

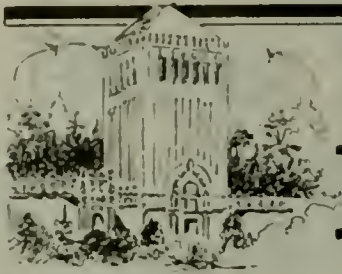
I trust also that the officers and employees of the City and County in all branches of our governmental department will lend you their full cooperation and assistance in order that your work may be made most effective.

Again congratulating you and with every good wish, believe me to be

Very sincerely yours,



James Rolph
Mayor.



Parks and Museums



Edited By W. M. Strother

MR. ARCHER MILTON HUNTINGTON of New York City, author and art patron, has added another to his already long list of munificent gifts to the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, of which mention was made in last month's issue. This



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HERBERT FLEISHHACKER

new donation consists of a check for \$50,000 given to the Board of Trustees of the Museum with the request that it be invested and the interest used for the care and preservation of the other gifts that Dr. Huntington had already made to the Museum. These others include period furniture, tapestries, vases, statuary, paintings, and other art objects valued at least at \$1,500,000, as well as the heroic bronze statue of Joan of Arc, which was

the work of Mrs. Anna Hyatt Huntington, wife of the donor.

Curator George H. Barron of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park has recently concentrated the Museum's collection of paintings by California artists into two galleries. In this way the pictures are displayed to better advantage and they may be studied and compared more conveniently. The coins are being reclassified and rearranged and this gallery, which has been closed to the public for some time, will soon be thrown open again. Many of the coins are very ancient and will form a valuable source of information for those interested in numismatics. The valuable collection of guns and swords will also soon be added to and rearranged in the Arms and Armor Gallery.

The semi-weekly lectures at the de Young Museum were resumed some time ago and are now being delivered every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, following the band concert, and every Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The program for August includes talks by Miss Helen Gordon Barker on the 3rd and 7th in Statuary Hall, on the 17th and 21st in the Oriental Gallery, and on the 31st in the Egyptian Hall. Louis C. Towne will lecture in Jewel Hall on the 10th and 14th, and in the Textile Gallery on the 24th and 28th.

"Uncle John" McLaren, superintendent of parks and

squares of San Francisco, says that Golden Gate Park is becoming more and more popular as a summer resort, and certainly it deserves to be classified thus, for probably nowhere else can be found such a combination of recreational facilities, associated with city comforts. Improvements are being constantly made under the direction of Mr. McLaren; his assistant, Earl Clements, and a corps of competent foremen.

Superintendent Thomas A. Munro, in charge of small parks and squares, is replanting the flower beds in the Civic Center. The Board of Supervisors appropriated \$15,000 for the coming year to be expended in the beautification of this square.

Albert Chaquette, foreman of a section of Golden Gate Park surrounding Stow Lake, is extending the meadow near Nineteenth Avenue, between the South Drive and Stow Lake.

Foreman Slattery is supervising the construction of the new Marx Meadow in Golden Gate Park extending south and west of the Twenty-fourth Avenue and Fulton Street entrance to the park. Grass will be planted there this fall.

A new bowling green is being put in alongside the women's green in the park. This will not be ready for some time as it requires a great deal of work and the settling of the soil for a considerable period to get the necessary firmness to the earth.

The new tennis courts will soon be ready at the Carl G. Larsen Park in the Sunset District. In fact it will not be long before the whole playground unit of that park, which occupies one of the two blocks, will be ready for use.

The dredging of Yacht Harbor is proceeding and when the work is completed there will be room for a large number of additional boats. This will increase the importance of San Francisco as a yachting center.

Four additions have recently been made to the animal collections at the children's playgrounds. These include a zebra and her mare colt and two young camels, all from Africa. They were purchased by Herbert Fleishhacker, president of the Park Commission, and made a sea voyage from their far-away birthplace to San Francisco, stopping at London en route. Ansel W. Robison, the local bird and animal dealer, was the importer. The zebras will be kept in Golden Gate Park for training, and the camels are at the Herbert Fleishhacker Playfield, where they have large quarters that formed a special part of the new concrete barns completed there some time ago. In about a month the new citizens will be ready to receive visitors.

The Herbert Fleishhacker Playfield is conceded to be one of the best equipped and planned playgrounds in the United States. And the apparatus is continually kept in good condition under the direction of W. V. Belding, superintendent of children's playgrounds and

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Visiting Hetch Hetchy

THAT San Francisco surely, safely and sanely is going forward with long strides to the completion of her world-famed Hetch Hetchy water project is the report of the supervisorial inspection party which has just visited the scene of operations from one end to the other.

In seven automobiles provided by the city engineer's office nine supervisors set forth Wednesday morning, July 13, upon a memorable three-day tour. Besides the supervisors, the party included representatives of the city engineer's department and the press.

The official cicerone, J. J. Phillips, right of way agent for the city, and Assistant City Engineer Nelson

Mocho shaft which will be 800 feet deep and where a branch road 4500 feet long has been constructed. We also called at the Seco substation where a step-down station is to be built to handle power from the Moccasin Creek powerhouse. When this is finished there will be abundant power to drive the long tunnels of the Coast Range.

"Back to Livermore again, we were entertained at the home of Pat Callahan, and thence drove to Modesto, arriving in time to take a plunge in the Hotel Hughson pool before dinner.

"The early morning drive Thursday from Modesto to Oakdale Portal on the Foothill Division was one of the



HONORING A FRIEND OF SAN FRANCISCO.

[Photo by Chaffee.

Dedicating the Plaque at O'Shaughnessy Dam in honor of Senator Pittman of Nevada. Left to right: Supervisors Todd and Byington, Chief O'Shaughnessy, Supervisors Stanton, Powers and Roncovieri, Senator Pittman, Supervisors Shinnon, Badaracco, Gallagher, and Schmidt.

Eckart programmed the whole trip in advance and it went through without a hitch or mishap.

The story of the journey is told as follows by one of the party:

"We began to feel the heat when we hit Niles and several of the crowd, including Supervisors Schmidt and Stanton, dashed into a dry goods store and bought caps to take the place of their straw hats. We discarded our coats and some of us swallowed plenty of dust that morning and afternoon.

Over the Coast Range

"We trailed over the Coast Range Division which extends from Irvington Portal through the hills south of Pleasanton and Livermore to Tesla Portal, seven miles south of Tracy. Sunol Valley, we found, was a hot lay-out and weather indications were dusty and wilting. However, we reached the first oasis at Livermore.

"After a lunch of the most substantial type, we proceeded onward to Arroyo Mocho and stopped at the

most agreeable features of the tour. This division extends from Oakdale Portal east to Moccasin Creek.

Landing on Dynamite

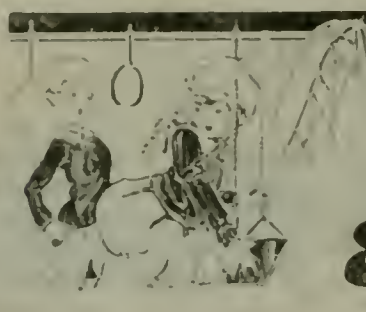
"This was a day of traveling into shafts and tunnels and over an aerial tramway and a narrow gauge line, during which everybody got a good shaking up.

"At Pedro adit we had the pleasure of being swung on a cableway over a 2300-foot span across the Tuolumne River, landing on a platform where five tons of dynamite in boxes were much in evidence. A slip in the cable would have meant the elimination of 25 voters from the San Francisco register and the instant and final retirement of nine members of the Board of Supervisors.

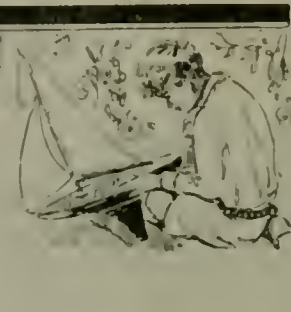
"Over a jogging narrow gauge railroad in flat cars and ore cars, we stopped at Brown Adit and entered two tunnels, each more than a mile in length.

"Later in the day we passed through Chinese Camp

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Play-grounds



By Josephine Dows Randall

IN 1886 the first public playground was established in Boston and twelve years later a playground was established in San Francisco by the California Club, and maintained for a period of three years at Bush and Hyde Streets, upon school property.



JOSEPHINE DOWS RANDALL
Supt. of Recreation

The Board of Education next maintained a public playground in the district south of Market Street upon land leased by the Board of Supervisors.

In 1904 a bond issue of \$740,000 was voted for the purpose of "acquiring lands for public parks to be used as children's playgrounds."

The increasing importance of recreation, not only for child, but for adult life as well, was appreciated in 1907 when an amendment to the City Charter was enacted which

empowered the Mayor to appoint a Playground Commission, five in number. Three of the members were to be men and two women. The President of the Board of Education, and either the President of the Park Commission or the Superintendent of Golden Gate Park were to serve as ex-officio members.

The amendment also called for an annual appropriation to the Playground Commission of not less than 5 cents nor more than 7 cents upon each \$100 assessed valuation.

So much pressure has been brought to bear from all parts of the city for more playgrounds and more adequate facilities, that in order even to catch up with the growth of the city and present demands for improvements, the maximum appropriation is necessary.

Playgrounds Evenly Divided

There are twenty playgrounds at the present time, ten on the north side of the city and ten on the south side, totaling approximately fifty-seven acres. All but two have shelter houses. Three have field houses adequate for Community Center activities.

Two playground sites, about two blocks each, are being developed. Both are on the south side of the city.

A playground clubhouse is located on Sacramento Street, between Fillmore and Webster Streets, for bas-

ketball practice, and for club groups, and there are two open air swimming tanks, one at North Beach and one in the Mission.

One playground is lighted for night use and three field houses are used for night activities.

The Playground Commission also provides supervision and equipment on eight schoolyards after school hours.

During the fiscal year ending June, 1926, the total attendance on all playgrounds was 1,838,994, divided as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Playgrounds	1,031,790	646,687	1,678,477
Schoolyard playgrounds	70,062	40,205	110,267
Swimming tanks	23,185	19,287	42,472
Club houses	5,363	2,415	7,778

Practically every nationality is represented.

Activities of Year

The activities during the past year consisted of swimming instructions and swimming meets, track and field meets, picnic and hiking schedules, city-wide picnic at Glen Park on the Fourth of July for all children, tennis tournaments with over 1500 children participating, basketball tournament for boys with over 500 participating, baseball tournaments for boys in junior and senior divisions with over 500 participating, volley ball tournament for girls with 250 girls entered, vacation baseball tournament for boys in junior and senior divisions with 560 boys entered, dramatic productions throughout the year, special Christmas plays, and a May Festival with over 700 children taking part.

On the individual playgrounds the following activities are conducted all year round: Kindergarten work for small children, circle and singing games, apparatus races, marble tournaments, jack tournaments, checker tournaments, croquet, tether tennis, tennis, tin can golf, hockey, soccer, football, handball, volley ball, basketball, indoor and regulation baseball, track and field work, horseshoe pitching.

On three of the playgrounds Boy Scout Troops hold their meetings, on one a branch of the San Francisco Boys' Club, and on a number of the playgrounds Camp Fire groups meet.

Industrial groups use the baseball diamonds on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

A summer camp is maintained at Mather, Tuolumne County, only nine miles from the O'Shaughnessy Dam, Hetch Hetchy.

If the recreation department is to serve the people of San Francisco adequately, it must build toward a broader program of activities. There must be developed a service department as a Recreational Information Service Bureau; a Back-yard Playground Department; a Dramatic Department with a Central Commu-

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The Public Library

Edited By Frances Langpaap

ROBERT REA, the city librarian, has returned from Gearhart, Oregon, where he has been attending a joint meeting of the Pacific Northwest and the California Library Associations as a delegate.

On his way back Mr. Rea visited all the libraries of prominence in the Northwest, to compare the service with that afforded patrons of this library. Needless to say, the San Francisco Public Library stood up well under the contrast. But, from the indisputable evidence of statistics, all the citizens who should be not using the library.

It may be that these patrons do not know how, and, in this case, they are urged to come to the main library and consult with the attendant at the Information Desk. This assistant will explain just how easy it is to obtain membership and what is the quickest and most satisfactory way of getting books they desire.

Hugh Walpole has just published a delightful little essay called "Reading" in which he recounts his own adventures in the realm of books. He makes amusing divisions as "Reading for pleasure," "Reading for busi-

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"THRONED ON IMPERISHABLE BOOKS."



Employees Retirement System

Edited By John W. Rogers

FOLLOWING an interpretation of a Supreme Court decision in the Nicholl case made several days ago by City Attorney John J. O'Toole, 48 city employees in five departments have been refunded all credits in the Retirement System and their connection with the

system has been terminated. These departments include the Adult Probation Board, Horticultural Commission, Juvenile Court (excluding the Detention Home), Public Defender and Superior Court.

The decision of the Supreme Court affects offices created by State law and which are not provided for by the City Charter.

William H. Nicholl, adult probation officer, reached the compulsory retire-



[Photo by Johnson Studio.]

ment age in January, 1926, and was retired in the regular course on February 1, 1926, at the age of 70 years. He refused, however, to accept retirement and filed suit against the city for his salary. A decision was rendered in his favor in the Superior Court, and when appeal was made by the city to the Supreme Court this decision was affirmed.

The particular point upon which the decision of the Supreme Court was rendered was that the City and County had not availed itself, by proper charter provision, of the power authorized by Section 8½ of Article 11 of the Constitution, under which it may control the office in question.

The Board of Administration of the Retirement System at the meeting held July 12, 1927, employed Albert H. Mowbray, consulting actuary, of Berkeley, California, to supervise the investigation into the experience under the system for the five years ending June 30, 1927.

This actuarial investigation is provided for in Ordinance No. 5561 (new series) establishing the Retirement System. It includes an investigation of the mortality, service and compensation experience of the members and beneficiaries under the system and also an actuarial valuation of its assets and liabilities.

Mr. Mowbray is eminently qualified to do the work for which he is employed. He teaches actuarial science at the University of California, is employed in a con-

sulting capacity by the California Insurance Department, by the Compensation Funds of Utah and Colorado, and has an extensive experience in connection with pension funds of both municipalities and private corporations.

The great amount of clerical work involved in the investigation will be performed in the office of the Board of Administration.

Officers of the association are as follows: John W. Rogers, president; William J. Fitzgerald, John F. Brady, Arthur S. Holman and DeWitt C. Treat.

Supervisor James B. McSheehy, chairman of the finance committee, and Thomas F. Boyle, auditor, are members of the board by virtue of their official positions.

Following is a statement of the San Francisco City Employee's Retirement System for the month of June, 1927:

Retired for Service

Sarah S. Simpson, board of education, retired teacher, under charter amendment 34.

John R. Atkinson, park commission, foreman.

John Marshall, municipal railway, trackman.

Thomas Cleary, board of supervisors, assistant clerk.

Retired for Disability

John T. McDonald, inspector, and Alvenza E. Gore, painter, municipal railway.

Death Claims Paid

Anne O. Burke, San Francisco hospital, practical nurse, \$608.

Richard Spoone, San Francisco hospital, pantryman, \$796.19.

Fred C. Lilienthal, playground commission, laborer, \$1,413.23.

Eugene M. O'Donnell, board of works, watchman, \$1,389.92.

Dennis Patrick, municipal railway, motorman, \$1,330.75.

Michael O'Connor, municipal railway, motorman, \$1,353.10.

Thomas Wilslow, municipal railway, motorman, \$1,340.20.

Thomas J. Shields, street cleaning, laborer, \$1,226.17.

Arthur J. Streett, street repair, painter, \$2,196.76.

Total amount of death claims paid during June, 1927, \$11,654.32.

Retirement allowances paid to retired members during June, 1927, \$23,770.64.

Accumulated contributions returned to members leaving city service during June, 1927, \$5,424.92.

Total payments to beneficiaries, retired members and ex-members, \$40,849.88.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION,

San Francisco City Employees' Retirement System.

RALPH R. NELSON,
Secretary-Actuary.

JOHN W. ROGERS,
President.



Board of Health

Edited by Edward M. Coffey

WHAT the Board of Health really wants and fondly expects to get some day is a typical Health Building placed in the Civic Center and made a part of the group of magnificent structures which now so signally typify constructive achievement.



EDWARD M. COFFEY

There is a lot belonging to the Health Department located on Grove, Ivy and Polk Streets directly across the way from the Civic Auditorium. It is now partly occupied by the Central Emergency Hospital but the space does not appear to be adequate to meet requirements of a building that should be designed to last for "a thousand years to come."

More land must be acquired if this dream is to be realized and a structure erected to conform agreeably with the

general scheme of the Civic Center plan.

No doubt this will cost money, but it would be a splendid investment viewed from every angle and it is to be hoped that eventually there will be an awakening of civic pride which will result in the inauguration of a movement looking to the consummation of such a plan.

The present quarters of the department are on Mission Street near Seventh, directly opposite the Post Office, far from all other city offices, and are entirely inadequate for all purposes, having long since outgrown the "temporary" stage of 1908 when they were first located here.

The Department of Public Health is a very important branch of our city government and should be dignified by surroundings commensurate with its significance.

Personal Notes

The Board of Health is now taking its annual vacation and no meetings will be held until about August 20.

Health Commissioner Arthur H. Barendt is visiting in England. He will return on August 15.

Health Commissioner Dr. William W. Wymore is on the last leg of a round the world trip. He is expected home about August 10.

Charles M. Wollenberg, superintendent of the La-

guna Honda Home, is "doing" Europe by motor car and will probably be home again by August 15.

Dr. F. C. Muller, a veteran in the ranks of the sanitary inspectors, has just returned from a world tour, which lasted seven months. The doctor repeats the old saying that "While travel broadens the mind, expands the vision and adds to the sum of human knowledge it also deflates the pocketbook."

Louis P. Monaco, for more than 27 years a capable and valued employee of the Health Department, voluntarily retired from the service on July 1 through operation of the rules of the Retirement System of the City Employees. He carries with him the best wishes of a host of friends for a pleasant career in the ranks of those who have served well and faithfully.

Dr. William C. Hassler, city health officer, is enjoying a brief rest at Aetna Springs.

Ida C. Grafe, death registry clerk, spent her vacation visiting Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks and Bryce Canyon. She saw a lot of the State of Utah and other sections of the west while away.

Eva Mulcahy, assistant accountant, visited Tassajara Springs for her annual outing. She had a good time and says she found the "Iron Springs" okeh.

Rose Jordon, assistant auditor, is now on her way to the Grand Canyon of Arizona, which is no mean vacation at that. We will hear some real descriptions of natural beauty when she gets back.

Gladys Marks, personnel clerk, chose the Yosemite Valley for her vacation trip, and now complains that everything around her looks so small and insignificant.

At the Auditorium

Following is the schedule of events at the Civic Auditorium for the month of August as announced by Superintendent James L. Foley:

Summer Symphony, August 2.

Summer Symphony, August 9.

Summer Symphony, August 16.

Sons of St. George (upstairs), August 15 and 16.

Radio Show, August 18 to 28.

Sangerbund Night, August 28.

Eastern Star Reception, August 31.

Dahlia Show, August 30 to September 3.

A SAN FRANCISCO BOOSTER

The annual report of the Travelers' Protective Association of America, of which there are many members in San Francisco, reveals that some of the funds of the association are invested in municipal bonds of the City of San Francisco. The association, according to Robert E. Pfaeffle, secretary of the California division, has approximately \$712,000 invested in securities of cities throughout the country.

Municipal Organizations

By Edward D. Vandeleur

TWO faithful employees who have been with the Municipal Railway since it started operation 13 years ago, were called by death during the last few weeks. They were Brother Clarence H. Milnor, motorman, who operated a street car in San Francisco for 39 years, and Brother David J. Murphy, motorman,

who had a record of 20 years on the platform. Both were with the Market Street Railway before joining the municipal lines in 1904. Brother Milnor passed away on June 25 and Brother Murphy on July 10. Their passing was sincerely regretted by their fellow carmen.

Charley Johnson is up at Calistoga enjoying the mud baths. His friends expect him to return soon much improved.

George Hastings is in the municipal ward at the San



Photo by Bushnell

Francisco Hospital with a broken hand.

Daniel Hanly is again on the sick list. Brother Hanly is a motorman and financial secretary of Division 518.

Joe Breen is in the country regaining his strength after a severe illness.

William Gallagher, who was injured by an automobile last year, is reported slowly improving.

Henry Rowe is also reported on the road to recovery and is soon expected to be back at work.

William Daly was ordered to the country for a couple of months and is at Calistoga regaining his health.

John T. McGovern has resigned as a conductor for the Municipal Railway to join the fire department. The good wishes of his fellows go with him.

Otto Jacobsen has returned to work after spending two months in the country.

Three efficient employees of the Municipal Railway and popular members of the Carmen's Union have joined the police department, where they are expected to lose no time in making good. They are Robert B. West, Carl A. Bruhn and Edward J. O'Brien.

John Ledden, who retired on July 22 this year, will now enjoy a pension. Brother Ledden was injured by a fall in the car barn.

John Ring and John J. Doran have resigned from the Municipal Railway to join the fire department.

Jeremiah Coffey and Andrew J. Walsh have returned to work after an enjoyable two weeks at Boyes Springs.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

By William T. Bonsor

A new situation faces the office employees of the city and county and that is a reduction in salaries. This condition exists in the Board of Public Works and the Board of Health and many employees other than office employees are affected.

According to the charter, the Board of Works and the Board of Health have salary-setting powers. * During the past year the Board of Works in particular has increased the salaries of many employees at the requests of the various labor unions.

These increases, along with others, were recommended to the Board of Supervisors in the budget estimate, but the finance committee granted no increases except those which it had itself approved. This means a reduction in salaries for those given increases by the two boards.

This association is planning to take the question to the courts if necessary.

S. J. Hester, our treasurer, is spending his vacation at Dutch Flat. The Board of Works will not be running smoothly until his return.

S. J. Rosenblum, president, is also enjoying a vacation seeking waivers and assisting in the work of the union. He wonders what a vacation means.

William A. Granfield and Fire Commissioner William P. McCabe start for Canada by auto on the first of August. They expect to be gone three weeks. Some of the folks wonder why they are going to Canada.

Frank Grimes of the assessor's office has left for a fishing trip in the mountains.

Mabel Box is taking a much needed rest after teaching many hopeful civil service aspirants.

Andrew Geggus has just returned from Canada and finds that he cannot draw his salary because he is in the employ of the Board of Works. Andy is wealthy, so it does not bother him much—that is, not so much.

PUBLIC POUND REPORT

Operations of the Public Pound made a net profit of \$3,128.50 for the city but sustained a loss of \$2,420.39 for itself during the fiscal year recently closed, according to a report of Secretary Matthew McCurrie of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which operates the pound.

The city allows \$15,000 a year for operating the pound and is required by law to bank the profit. The society spent more than \$2,400 over the appropriation, according to McCurrie's report, for which there is no provision for reimbursement.

During the year the pound captured 6,280 dogs and 11,720 cats.



Municipal Railway



Edited by William H. Scott

FIFTEEN years ago the Municipal Railways of the City of San Francisco were limited to one stretch eleven miles in length, with seventy-five employees. Today the trackage runs to over seventy miles, three bus routes are operated in conjunction and twelve hundred employees operate and maintain its efficiency.



FRED BOEKEN

Incidentally there are over two hundred street cars in use and thirteen buses. The total invested valuation is over eight million dollars and annual receipts three and one-half million dollars. It is conceded by street railroad experts throughout the country, representing both private and public interests, that the Municipal Railway of San Francisco is one of the model systems of the country.

Fred Boeken, the superintendent of the Municipal Railway, has been greatly responsible for the continued growth and ever increasing efficiency of the system. A keen executive, a born organizer and a man who has been through the mill—from platform man to head of the system—he possesses the qualities that go to make an ideal head of such a system.

For thirty years he has been connected with street railway service in San Francisco. He served sixteen years with private companies in various capacities and fourteen years with the Municipal Railway; five years as assistant superintendent and nine years as superintendent. It would have been difficult to discover a phase of street railway management and operation with which he is not thoroughly conversant.

San Francisco is probably the only city of any size in the United States that enjoys a 5-cent fare. Even our near neighbors across the bay pay 7 cents; in scores of other communities the rate runs from 6 cents to 10 cents, in some cases without extensive transfer privileges enjoyed by San Franciscans.

Unquestionably, had the street railways of this city been in the hands of private corporations, the car fares would have been pushed up. It is interesting to note that, even with the fare as low as 5 cents, the passenger revenue for the year ending June 30, 1926 (the last sta-

tistical statement published), was \$3,395,950.24 and the operating expense \$2,705,146.10.

In addition to the passenger revenue, miscellaneous revenue brought in another \$14,015.55. Thus the excess of revenue over operating expenses was \$748,286.69. This would seem to be an irrefutable argument for public ownership of such utilities.

Some indication of the growth of the street railway system can be gauged from the fact that the passenger revenue for 1926 shows a 664 per cent increase over 1913; the number of passengers carried has increased 758 per cent over 1913; the number of cars and buses owned shows an increase of 416 per cent and the mileage owned and operated has increased 358 per cent.

During the year ending June 30, 67,285,956 passengers were carried and 14,062,150 free transfers were issued. In addition, 1,156,110 school tickets were issued at half price to pupils of schools.

Such a record reflects not only great credit upon Fred Boeken, the head of the system, but upon every employee.

During the month of June, 15 new cars, built for the Municipal Railway by the St. Louis Car Company, were placed in operation. These cars are of the latest type both in body construction and equipment. This makes a total of 224 passenger cars operated by the city-owned railway.

In addition to this equipment there are now in operation 19 motor buses.

For the operation of the Judah Street line, which will commence January 1, 1928, ten additional cars have been ordered.

It is interesting to note the large increase in the cost of street car construction in the last 14 years. For instance, the first cars built for the Municipal Railway cost \$7,700 each, while the last cars cost \$19,200. The Municipal Railway has standardized on its equipment with the result that operating economies have been effected. This fact is clearly shown by the cost of maintaining equipment, which on the Municipal Railway, in spite of a high wage scale, is from 20 to 50 per cent less than most operating companies.

HUGH McKEVITT REAPPOINTED

Hugh K. McKevitt has been reappointed to the Civil Service Commission by Mayor Rolph. Announcement of the appointment was made by the mayor July 7. Mr. McKevitt was originally appointed on January 4, 1926, to fill the unexpired term of John J. O'Toole, who became city attorney at that time following his election in November, 1925. Mr. McKevitt's present term is for six years.



Board of Public Works

Edited By Sid Hester

ANDY GEGGUS was quite peeved when upon his return from his vacation he was greeted by Gus-sie, the bus girl, with, "Well! Foxy Grandpa is with us again!"

How quickly heroes are forgotten. Do you remember the night, Marion, Professor Blanchard rescued the typewriters from the Mission High fire?



SID HESTER

Mrs. Zehnder, the fashion plate of the board, is about to ask for bids for her summer home at Lompico. She will demand professional rates.

Who was the handsome young sheik seen holding May Fitzpatrick's hand in a downtown show the other night?

"Silent Water" McCaleb is in training for the next Redwood marathon. He is seen running down Fulton street every morning to work.

Dick Edwards, our Beau Brummel, has been forced to take another six months' leave on account of eye strain.

The next duct by the Cherry sisters, "Pansy" and "Belle," will be entitled "When We Weighed 101."

Mrs. Smart is greatly perturbed about transporting her Zemansky designed summer home to Lompico. It is suggested that she put it on roller skates and tow it down behind her Chevy.

The most exciting event of our last meeting was the beauty sleep contest between the two Bills, Hamilton and Granfield. "Ham" won by a snore.

The citizens of the Sunset and Richmond Districts are again smiling. The Board of Public Works just purchased four new automobile buses to be used in these two districts, displacing the antiquated buses that have been rolling throughout Sunset and Richmond for the past 12 years, covering a mileage of over 500,000.

H. H. Larsen Company was awarded the contract to construct the new firehouse at Third and Merrimac Avenue in the Butchertown District.

The D. N. & E. Walter Company was low bidder for the window and door shades of the additional units of the Galileo High School.

Bids will be received at an early date by the Board of Works for the construction of the new Laguna Honda sewer.

P. W. King, the superintendent of the Street Repair Department, is busy making preparations for his large program of reconstruction of streets in the various districts.

Plans are under way for the establishment of grades of the Roosevelt Boulevard. The Engineering department assures the residents of that district that plans and specifications will be immediately prepared for the pavement of this boulevard when the grades have been officially established.

Field Assistant William T. Duffy pulled a fast one on the doctors the other day. He had swallowed a nail and was in the hospital in bad shape while the doctors were getting ready to operate on him. Just as they got their tools out Duffy coughed up the nail. He is recuperating at the hospital and ought to be back on the job with his pals again soon.

John Comaskey, of the sewer department, who was hit by a Market Street car, came back to work early in July.

Henry Broderick of the asphalt department seriously injured his foot last month when a plank fell on it. He reported back for duty on July 16.

Leo J. Cummings of the car repair department broke a bone in his right wrist while cranking a service wagon. He is still off duty but is expected back soon.

Philip McGowan, gravel cutter, is dead as the result of injuries sustained while on duty. An award has been made to his widow by the Industrial Accident Commission.

THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

By "Sister Susie Serkel"

"Huckleberry" Finn, first assistant to Purchasing Agent Leonard S. Leavy, is planning to take his vacation as soon as his classes in the uniform system of accounting have ended.

"Bubbles" McKenna, after a visit to Hollywood, is back in harness with a new and snappier line than ever.

All the departments are wanting and getting something so there's a great rush of business in the purchasing agent's department. Mr. Leavy himself is going stronger and better than ever since his visit to the National Convention of Purchasing Agents in the East.

The vacationers, Kast, Herget and Flanagan, will soon return to their desks in the bureau to assist Mike McGovern in minding Bubbles.

Our schoolmate "Helene" is elevated about 7000 feet, but Mildred Stimson is still grinding out figures on the tabulator.

By the time this appears your correspondent, "Sister Susie," will be down in the river country on her vacation.

John de Mattei, an employee of the Board of Public Works in the street cleaning department, was recently run down and dangerously injured by a motorist while he was working in the Stockton Street tunnel. Nicholas Sturaile, driver of the machine, was cited for reckless driving.

The San Francisco Hospital

Edited by Mrs. Mae H. Noonan

MRS. MAE H. NOONAN of the hospital staff was unanimously elected grand president of the Native Daughters of the Golden West at the forty-first annual convention held in Modesto in June. Mrs. Noonan is a member of Portola Parlor 172 of San Francisco.

Among her duties during the coming year will be that of visiting in person each of the 161 parlors of the order in the state. She is already on her first tour, starting with the parlors of the Mother Lode country. Her first visit was to Jackson on July 26. On subsequent days she visited the parlors of Amador City, San Andreas and Sonora.

Dr. A. J. Norman, assistant superintendent, accompanied by his family, left San Francisco to spend his vacation at Long Beach.



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MRS. MAE H. NOONAN

William Park, our genial electrician, has just returned from an automobile tour. While away he attended the Transcontinental Highway Exposition at Reno, visited Lake Tahoe and Donner Lake. He tells us that it was impossible to do any fishing because the water in the Yuba River was too high.

Regina Hogan, institutional nurse who has long been identified with hospital activities, left for a one year's tour of Europe. As a parting tribute, Miss Hogan was presented with a very beautiful percolator by her co-workers.

We are happy to announce the marriage of some of the members of our resident staff: Dr. Ermanell Crane recently became the bride of Dr. Stanley E. Coffey. Dr. Jennie Schwab, one of our present internes, was married recently to Dr. Milton W. Thorpe, who just completed his year as house officer. Dr. Eugene Grau and Miss Ethel Valencia also were married. Dr. Grau is now engaged in the practice of medicine at Scotia, California.

We are pleased to offer congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. James L. Faulkner on the birth of a baby girl.

Two of the members of our resident staff have within the past week established offices in this city. Dr. Wesley E. Scott, our former resident physician, is now engaged in the practice of general medicine and surgery with offices in the Fitzhugh Building. Dr. Aubrey G. Rawlins has established offices in the Fitzhugh Building also. His practice will be limited to eye, ear, nose and throat specialties; in other word, the practice of otorhinolaryngology.

Miss Katherine Hutton, our assistant anaesthetist, is spending her vacation with her parents in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Our chief dietitian, Mrs. Helen Douglas, is at Del Monte. Miss Amelia Bostrom is at Guerneville. Charles Berg, our chief engineer, is at Fitch Mount Tavern. Stephen Brann and family are at Guerneville. Mr. Clabby, our commissary, and others are also away on vacation but have not told us where we could find them.

Among those who have recently returned from vacation are Cora Davis, telephone operator, and Lilah Mahan, chief operating room nurse, returned from Guerneville; Miss Gertrude Brockowsky, stenographer, from an automobile tour to Reno, Carson City and Lake Tahoe; and Maurice Flynn, assistant superintendent in charge of the tuberculosis department, from an automobile tour.

It was with much pleasure that we welcomed the return of Miss Lisle P. Freligh, our superintendent of nurses. Miss Freligh has been ill for some time at the San Jose Hospital and, although her condition has greatly improved, she is still not ready for active duty.

It was with sincere regret that we learned of the death of Thomas Gill, who has been employed as butcher cook in the hospital since 1896.

Miss Margaret Sweeney, general clerk, record room, recently fell and strained the muscles of her neck. She is reported to be improving but will not be able to return to duty for several days.

Of interest is the fact that very recently twins were born to a mother who was a patient in our obstetrical ward. The boy weighed 10 pounds and the girl 8 pounds. The mother is 21.

Among our institutional nurses who are away on vacations are Claire Shields, who is in Honolulu; Laura Thompson, also in Honolulu. Miss Edith Schenck, instructor of nurses, is visiting her home in Tennessee, and Miss Clara Keys is spending her vacation with her parents in Colorado.

The following city employees are patients in our municipal ward and all are reported as progressing: Sergeant Frank O'Brien of the Harbor Station; Sidney Desmond, police officer, who was injured while playing ball; Edward Fewer, police officer; John Miskel, fireman, Truck 6; John De Matei, street sweeper, Board of Public Works; William Duffy, city surveyor, Board of Public Works.

A MUNICIPAL ROMANCE

District Attorney Matthew Brady lost his secretary recently and investigation showed that one of his own assistants was responsible for her disappearance.

The facts all came to light when the secretary, Miss Dorothy Whelan, and Assistant District Attorney Harmon Skillin appeared at the county clerk's office arm in arm and obtained a marriage license. In the presence of their friends and associates the couple were married at a beautiful wedding ceremony held on June 30 at St. Brigid's Church, with the Rev. Archbishop Hanna officiating.

Status of Standardization

By Wilford E. Talbert

Chairman Salary Standardization Board

THE absence of publicity regarding salary standardization in recent months has probably led many employees to wonder what, if any, progress is being made. Through the courtesy of our magazine, "The Municipal Employee," we are glad to be able to make the following report:

For the benefit of those who are not fully informed on the subject, a brief review of the history of the local movement may be interesting.

Salary standardization was provided for by a charter amendment adopted by a very large majority vote of the people in November, 1924. The amendment was prepared and sponsored by a committee composed of city officials, city employees and representative citizens.

The amendment gives the supervisors power to fix all salaries, with certain specified exceptions, but makes it mandatory on the supervisors to fix salaries only in the manner prescribed by the amendment.

First the Civil Service Commission is required to classify and grade all positions, and then the supervisors, if they approve the classification and grading, are empowered to adopt a schedule of compensation for the various classes and grades to the end that "like compensation shall be paid for like services."

Office Holders Protected

In order to safeguard the rights of incumbent employees holding regular appointments, the charter provides that their civil service classification shall not be adversely affected and that salaries legally received in September 1, 1924, shall not be reduced.

The amendment was ratified by the legislature in January, 1925, and in the following July the supervisors made an appropriation to carry on the work.

For the supervision of the work of classification the commission appointed a Salary Standardization Board and for the actual detailed work involved it employed the Bureau of Management Research, a local firm of management engineers who had seen extensive experience in salary standardization.

Even though those in charge of the work realized that the initial appropriation (\$5,000) was inadequate, nevertheless they undertook to complete it as well as possible in the time allowed.

Space will not permit in this article to go into detail regarding the theory of salary standardization but suffice it to say that positions may be grouped, or classified, for two different purposes. When grouped for purposes of examination, assignment, promotion, etc., the groups are commonly called "classes"; but when grouped for purposes of compensation they are usually called "grades." Obviously the classification and grading must harmonize.

Owing to the limited time and funds at its disposal, the Salary Standardization Board decided to use the existing civil service classification as a basis for classes and to confine its efforts to grading these classes and the various positions affected. (The term "zone" was used in preference to "grade" because it

is a more significant term, but in general "zoning" and "grading" mean the same thing.)

Additional Funds and Time Requested

By the spring of 1926 the Salary Standardization Board had become thoroughly convinced that the existing classification itself needed some revision, and that more information was needed before positions not classified according to duties could be properly graded.

Accordingly in June of 1926 the Civil Service Commission, on the recommendation of the Salary Standardization Board, petitioned the supervisors for additional funds and time.

Action on this request was delayed for the summer, pending the return of Secretary Maher and President Walcott from a tour of eastern Civil Service Commissions, and was later still further delayed by bridge hearings and other matters that completely absorbed the attention of the finance committee.

About budget time of this year the finance committee, realizing the importance of salary standardization in simplifying its own work, took the initiative in getting together with the Civil Service Commission on a plan whereby it is hoped the work may be completed satisfactorily during the present fiscal year.

The Bureau of Governmental Research, which from the start has been keenly interested in the subject, kindly offered the services of two of its men so that considerable field work is now possible, and the Director of that Bureau, on invitation of the Salary Standardization Board, has attended all formal meetings of the board and given the benefit of his advice and help.

Classification Under Way

Thus for this year we have been working on the classification rather than on grading, but data already secured last year give us most of the information needed. However, in order to bring this information up to date, all questionnaires, correspondence, and other records are being carefully reviewed. Where necessary the position concerned is also visited by one of our field men.

A tentative classification is already well under way, but because of the frequent changes being made in it there would be no advantage in making it public at this time. When the proper time comes, however, all employees will be given ample opportunity to be heard not only regarding the classification itself but regarding its effect upon them personally.

After the classification has been agreed upon, the next step will be to revise and complete the grading of the various classes which was begun last year.

Employees will be kept informed of further developments in these columns.

A. E. Levison, deputy county clerk, is being congratulated at the City Hall on the arrival of a girl at his home. Levison was recently admitted to the bar and has the further bid for fame that he makes the boxing gloves used in all the big fights. The business was originally established by his father, the late Sol Levison, and is now being carried on during spare hours by the son.

The New Traffic Signals

By Ralph W. Wiley
Chief Department of Electricity

THE department to date has installed approximately 45 intersection of electrically-operated traffic signals, which were designed and manufactured in the department's shop.

The signals are operated from an automatic synchronized timer located in the Central Fire Alarm Station, Jefferson Square, and

require no attention or operation by the police officer on the street. The signals are opened at 7 a. m. with a ratio of 60 per cent of the cycle east and west and 40 per cent north and south. This timing is maintained until 9 a. m., when the ratio is changed to 55 per cent and 45 per cent, and the timer operates at this timing until 4:45 p. m., when it is again changed back to the 60-40 ratio to handle the peak load of the street car and automobile traffic. At 7 p. m. the ratio is changed to 70-30, 70 per cent on the east and west street and 30 per cent on the north and south streets. This is necessary as after 7 p. m. practically all the travel in the downtown district is on Market street, and the east and west streets, there being very little cross-town travel at this time of night. The signals are closed down at 12 midnight.



THE WILEY SIGNAL AND
ITS INVENTOR

The length of the cycle in the down-town district is 73 seconds with a 5 second clearance interval. The length of the cycle in the outlying districts, Post and Fillmore, Post and Van Ness avenue, Sixteenth and Mission and Sixteenth and Valencia, is operated on a 60-second cycle with a 5-second interval.

The cost of operation of these signals is very small as no current is being consumed except for approximately 1/10 of a second when the signal changes.

Intersections in the down-town district during the summer months, when the signals are closed down at 7 p. m. and no lights are used, the current cost is as low as 2c a month per intersection. The cost of current of all the signals during the summer months, including nine intersections burning lights to 12 midnight, is in the neighborhood of \$15.00. This, compared with the cost of police officers, is a very cheap method of handling traffic.

The department is at the present time manufacturing signals and will within a few days start to install signals in the outlying districts where they are badly needed.

OFFICE NOTES

By Joseph P. Murphy

P. B. Simmons of the inspection department is taking a long trip this summer with his wife and his beloved fishing tackle, or is it his beloved wife and his fishing tackle?

Mr. Pennycook, better known to the boys as "Old Man" Pennycook, is somewhere up in the northern part of the state looking over some chicken ranches.

Our shop foreman, Mr. Eikhoff, took a couple of weeks rest up at Tahoe after a busy time on construction of the traffic signals.

Nick Higgins, the Mill Valley commuter, is taking a look around Yosemite.

Harry Romick, the smiling Native Son, is also away on a vacation.

Fire Alarm Operator Charles Kellogg has just returned from Oregon and is still raving about the Redwood Highway.

Operator E. Clute has been sojourning on his ranch in the Santa Clara Valley.

A. E. Cohn, the Chauncey Depew of the department, is leaving soon on an extended trip through the east.

G. C. Osborne, superintendent of plant, has just returned from a two weeks' stay in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mrs. Edna Raiford, telephone operator, spent a very pleasant vacation at Lake Tahoe and Reno.

Mike Cullonon, general office operator, is spending his vacation down the valley.

Mr. Wiley, the chief of the department, is enjoying a well earned rest at Richardson's Grove on the Redwood Highway. The only signals he is interested in now are the signals for a caddy and a waiter.

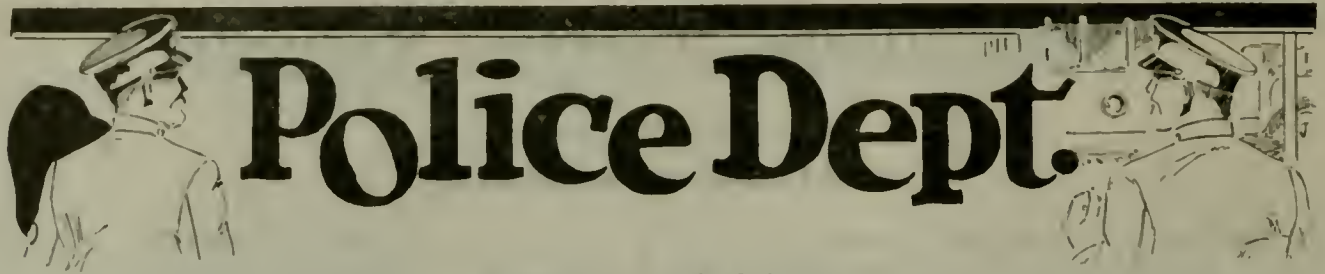
Miss E. Walters, who hits the typewriter keys in the office, is now hitting the high spots in the Mount Lassen country and has exchanged her high heels for snow shoes.

J. De Vecmon, one of the inspectors in the office, is up in Vancouver. A postal to the boys said he "had just filled his tank," whatever that may mean.

Joe P. Murphy, staff editor, left July 25 for Skaggs Springs to spend his vacation.

THE TELEPHONE OPERATORS

Long years of service with the city are chalked up to the credit of the city's telephone operators. Hidden away in a room in the basement they are seldom seen, but their voices are known to all. Just now the city has six regular operators and one relief girl. Mrs. Frances Logan, who has been with the city for 15 years, is chiefly interested just now in her Paradise Park bungalow which she and her husband are building without the aid of carpenters or contractors. Mrs. Jennie Schuekel has been on the board 19 or 20 years; Mrs. Josephine Black, 10 years; Miss Josephine Pierce, 10 years; Mrs. Jessie Coe, 17 years, and Miss Alice Donohue, 14 years. Mrs. Matilda Cook is acting as vacation relief operator.



Edited by Jack Gibson

CHIEF OF POLICE DANIEL J. O'BRIEN, who has been on sick leave for over four months, came back for active duty July 18. He looks vastly improved and says he feels fine and is ready to hit the ball and keep San Francisco's police department the best in the country.

During the absence of the chief, Captain William J. Quinn, chief clerk, was acting chief of police, and Lieutenant Michael Riordan acting chief clerk.

Detective Sergeant John J. Manion, for nearly ten years in charge of the Chinatown Squad, a tenure of such an office never equalled in this city, is recognized as one of the highest authorities on tongs, tong wars and tongmen and their killers. It is significant that since Manion went into Chinatown in 1919 there has not been a tong outbreak in this city. Though tong wars have broken out with death-dealing violence in many cities in America, Manion has a way of keeping the gunmen out of this city and fatalities are few.

Recent a Bing Kong gunman was wanted in Denver and Seattle desired his presence—in jail. He eluded all efforts to capture him. One day Manion got hold of a circular asking that this tongman, named Yee Nun, be apprehended. He did a little sleuthing, a little investigating, and notified the Denver authorities that they would find their man in Salt Lake City. He also gave the address of the place Nun was stopping. The Denver authorities found him, thus ending a four-year search.

This month forty more police officers were added to the department roster. Provisions for their appointment were made in the last budget, to take effect after July 1. These men are badly needed and more could be used with the rapidly growing residential districts throughout the city demanding and needing proper police protection.

While some might think forty more men meant a lot of added police efficiency, and it does help some, there is the fact that it gives but slightly more than an average of one man to a watch.

Police Officer Arthur Bell was hit by a motorist the other night and severely injured, suffering a fractured knee and arm. The autoist was going along Divisadero street without any light on his car.

The annual sale of unclaimed articles gathered by the police and held by the property clerk, Captain Bernard Judge, for one year was held on July 7 this year. The sale is by auction and there was a crowd, larger by far than any former sale, crowded in the basement of the Hall of Justice. The list of articles sold ranged from a set of false teeth to an automobile though cheap suitcases, clothing, tools and automobile accessories comprised the bulk.

Detective Sergeants William McMahon, George Wall, William Bennett, Jack Floyd and Officer Gus Betger captured John Carlson after he had committed a robbery of a corner grocery store. Before the police finished their investigation of Carlson's movements they had him confessed to eight holdups and a couple of burglaries. Carlson was formerly a tailor foreman, working in some of the largest shops in the city.

Captain John Casey of the Bush street district is back from his vacation spent at Donner Lake. He was accompanied by his wife and three children.

Lieutenant Richard Foley of the Southern District, and who is also director of the Police Department band, left on July 29 for a trip to New York and other Eastern cities. He will be gone for several weeks, and while away will gather some new music for his players.

C. C. Ireland, one of the most popular officers on the force, was thrown from his motorcycle near the Tanforan track on July 24 by a hit-and-run motorist and seriously injured. Although the driver of the hit-and-run car was pursued by passing automobiles, he succeeded in escaping. Officer Ireland was taken to the South San Francisco Hospital for first aid treatment and is now reported to be recovering. He has the best wishes of his brother policemen.

Following is a list of the new police officers recently appointed from the civil service list:

Edward P. Murphy, Wallace Young, Martin F. Foley, John Cahill, Carl A. Bruhn, Frank Tainter, James F. O'Neill, Herbert H. Smith, Nathan Del Monte, John F. Cooney, Robert B. West, James J. McGovern, Frank B. Fitzpatrick, John M. Payne, John P. Keohane, Harold F. Winkler, Emmett Reid, Joel B. Marston, James McCogan, William J. Hamilton, Michael Reilly, John J. Harrison, James L. Shepherd.

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Three officers from the Mission station are recovering from an accident last week when a police car collided with another at Eighteenth and Church streets while they were responding to a burglar alarm. Sergeant McCormick suffered a sprained neck and injuries to the left leg, Corporal Keane a sprained back and cuts about the head and Officer Hennessy a fractured rib. Investigation later showed that the burglar alarm had been caused by crossed wires.



Edited By Lieut. Fred Jones

LIEUTENANT DE MARTINI of Engine 1 has not been meeting with much success of late on his crabbing expeditions. Better change your boat, Louie, even the crabs get wise.

Morrison of Engine 2 is having a hard time deciding just where he will spend his vacation this year. Better let it out, Honey, as we know who does the deciding in your family.

Laherty of Engine 3 is in the market for a good car. Why wreck them, Ed?

Elrod of Engine 4 is getting anxious for the deer season to open. Trade your gun for a cannon, Jesse, and you might hit one.

Lieutenant McCormack of Engine 5 can hardly pass Garibaldi Hall without making for the stairs. Forget it, Phil. Those days are past.

Richter of Engine 6 is very quiet these days. Wonder if it's the climate.

The boys of Engine 7 gave James Bohan a nice banquet and presented him with a beautiful ring on his retirement from the department on a pension after 28 years of faithful service. Good luck to you, Jim, and may your ranch prove a success.

Lieutenant Wolf of Engine 8 is still wondering where the Marine Hospital is located. Forget it, Henry. You won the decision.

Captain Smith of Engine 9 also is anxiously waiting for the deer season to open. Better write them, Frank, so they can rope one for you.

Engineer Spiegel of Engine 10 is back on the job after an accident which cost him a finger. Glad to see you back, Al, and may it be your last.

Captain Byrne of Engine 11 is highly elated over the new quarters of his company in Butchertown. Guess the Gold Dust Twins have nothing on your crew, Jim.

Captain Hartman of Truck 13 is still trying to reduce. Why not utilize your prunes, Ferris?

Battalion Chief Brady of District 6 was seen looking at Lincoln automobiles. What do you do with the old ones, Bill?

Captain Kenealey of Engine 14 is getting in trim to enter the prize waltzing contest at the Vets picnic.

Operator Brady of District 4 is giving the Yosemite Valley the once over during his vacation. Guess we'll have to give you the floor on your return, Harold.

The boys of Engine 16 were sorry to lose Captain Rudonick but are to be congratulated on receiving Captain Bertucci in his place. Better keep on your toes, boys, as Man-O'-War has nothing on Vic.

The baseball games between Engine 17 and Truck 1 have been very close of late. The results always seem to be in favor with the side that Walter Krohn plays with.

Captain Moholy of Engine 18 is getting his pumper all primed up for those three-story grass fires that oc-

cur in that locality. Better hold on to the wet sacks for a while, Phil.

Lieutenant Dwyer of Engine 20 has a hard time smoking his cigars of late. Ever try lighting them, Larry?

Lieutenant Desmond of Engine 21 has transferred to Engine 3. Good luck to you, Dan.

Ramus of Engine 22 is still practicing throwing the javelin. Keep it up, Vic, you might spear something yet.

Frohman of Engine 23 is seen very often at the St. Francis Hotel. Ever try the Red Onion, Henry?

Captain Valente of Engine 24 is back on the job after being laid up with the grippe. Glad to see you back, Gene.

Mow of Engine 26 has just been passed as a relief operator. Guess you will need more than a toe hold on some of those boxes, Le Roy.

Engine 27 is to be congratulated on its new relief lieutenant, Thomas Webb. Look out, boys, as Lindberg has nothing on Tom.

Morris of Engine 28 is still wondering what violin cases are. Ever look down at those number 12s of yours, Ed?

Brussell of Engine 29 is still reducing. Give it up, Fat. You like the old feed bag too well.

Ben Derham of Engine 31 is still rowing for the Dolphin Club. Ever use a kicker, Ben?

Captain Feeney of Engine 32 is back on the job after spending a pleasant vacation on the Russian River.

Yes, Engine 33 is in San Francisco, but not according to some of the members of District 1 who have been detailed out there.

Horgan of Engine 34 is still trying to better Charlie Paddock's record. Better lay off, George. You can't lay them down easy.

Lieutenant Voisin is going back to his old home at Engine 35 after a short detour. Guess there is no place like home, George.

Edgar of Truck 14 is all wrapped up in that banquet for the boys of 1907. Why not let us all in on it, Duck?

Captain Toomey of Engine 37 is trying to figure out why Engine 13 beats them to box 234. Guess it's the machine, John.

Operator Macken of District 9 has been seen around the Bank of Italy very often of late. Take is easy, Allec. You know what happened to Ponzi.

Campbell of Engine 39 claims to be the best handball player of the company, but Regan claims he can defeat him with the aid of McNab and Smith.

Dunlea of Engine 40 has developed a couple of good dogs up on the hill. Why the opposition to Dr. Creeley, Denny?

Lindberg of Engine 41 has been figuring on taking up aviation since his namesake met with such success.

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Schools



THE sixty-fifth Annual Convention of the National Educational Association held in Seattle July 3rd to 8th was well attended by San Francisco teachers and school administrators. There were more than fifty from this city in attendance.



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JOSEPH MARR GWINN
Superintendent of Schools

Kindergarten-Primary Education and presided at the three meetings of the Department. Viola S. Kelley of the Sunnyside School told of outstanding benefits conferred by the Board of Education on the teachers during the past year.

Katherine Inglis of the John Swett School made a report on cures for stammering. Ruth Clyde and Edna Cotrel of the Speech Correction Department made addresses on the subject of "Correcting Speech Defects."

The San Francisco Grade Teachers' Association submitted a report on "Financing Teachers' Organizations."

Superintendent Gwinn made addresses on the following subjects: "The Superintendent and the Teacher"; "What San Francisco Is Doing in the Public Schools for Hard-of-Hearing Children"; "The Relation of the State to the Local Community in Providing Education"; "A Philosophy of Education—The Most Practical Equipment of the Teacher."

The main theme of the convention was the teacher. The program was headed "The Teachers in America—The Republic's First and Last Line of Defense—Their economic, social, and professional welfare, the chief concern of state and nation." In carrying out the purposes of the convention important reports were submitted on teacher tenure, pensions, sabbatical leaves, home for retired teachers and ethics of the teaching

profession. There were also reports on international relations and needed legislation.

The resolutions adopted by the convention set forth the main objectives of the American public schools. They emphasized the fact that four years of education above graduation from high school should be the minimum qualification for teaching; salaries of teachers should be commensurate with the importance of the service and the length of time required for preparation; teachers, principals and superintendents should be given indefinite terms of service after probationary period; the courses of study should be adapted to the individual needs of children; the population and taxing unit for the support of schools should be large, for most states the entire county should be one unit, for more populous states the county may be divided into a few smaller units; schools should be administered by a Board of Education elected at large from the whole school district and for overlapping terms; members of the board should be laymen.

The interests of education in America demand national aid in the conduct of research and in dissemination of information. This service can best be performed through a Department of Education in the federal government.

The National Educational Association is the largest in the world. Its membership numbers over 172,000; its annual budget more than \$400,000; its headquarters staff in Washington is composed of nearly 100.

Teachers from the San Francisco Public School Department scatter widely during vacation weeks. Many are traveling abroad, some are studying abroad. Several are attending summer schools in California and elsewhere, while others are making trips through the western section of the United States, including Alaska. All will return for the opening of schools on Monday, August 15.

When schools open three new buildings will be occupied: the Edison Elementary School on Dolores and Twenty-second Streets; a large addition to the Commodore Sloat School on Ocean Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, and a large addition to the Galileo High School, Van Ness Avenue and Bay Street.

New courses of study are being printed for the junior high schools. The new courses for the senior high schools are being mimeographed for use during the coming year.

PERSONAL NOTES

Walter C. Nolan, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, has just returned from a vacation camping trip in the wilds of Mendocino County.

Frank Daunet and Timothy Dempsey are looking especially happy since purchasing their new machines, and we have heard it rumored that Dick MacDonald and Henry Coghlan are also using more gasoline these days. Wonder why?

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On Wings of Industry

WHEN the aerial stars hop off on August 12 for Hawaii in competition for the Dole prize there will be one contestant in the race who will be followed during the dramatic hours of flight with breathless interest by a small army of Pacific Coast industrial workers, ranging from office boys at \$15 a week to keen-brained business giants.

Irving's desire was soon bruited about.

Within a short time the entire \$20,000 had been pledged. Office boys gave their week's salaries; telephone girls put themselves down for from \$2 to \$10; executives' contributions totaled many hundreds of dollars; salesmen on the road wired in their pledges; workers on the machines in the company's plant rushed



MAJOR IRVING AND HIS TRANS-PACIFIC FLIGHT PLANE

The workers are employees of the Paraffine Co., Inc. The aviator will be Maj. Livingston G. Irving, flying mate in France of Capt. Charles Nungesser, and one of their fellow employees.

When Irving, son of S. A. Irving, treasurer and director of the company, first expressed a desire to make the flight he thought that his ambition must be thwarted because he had no plane. But his co-workers came to his rescue. A fund was started at the main office. In other company plants up and down the coast, word of

forward with their bit.

Major Livingston had an enviable war record. He was a flying mate in France of Capt. Charles Nungesser, and later served with the Lafayette flying unit. In November, 1918, Irving, then a lieutenant, was cited for distinguished service. He and a companion, Lieutenant Eaton of New York, were credited with having attacked Fokker planes, and after having shot down two, forced the remaining nine to retreat. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his exploits.

Army Fliers Given Welcome to City

SAN FRANCISCO had its opportunity on July 12 of paying its tribute to Lieutenants Lester Maitland and Albert Hegenberger, who made the first non-stop flight between the Pacific Coast and Hawaii.

Credit for the success of arranging all details of the reception goes to William F. Benedict, assistant secretary to Mayor Rolph. "Benny" started the wheels in motion long before the sun rose and was on hand with the laurel wreaths when the Matson liner Maui poked her bespangled nose through the Golden Gate and out of the fog.

The reception to the army fliers in the rotunda of the City Hall gave the world the first opportunity of hearing from the heroes directly. Besides the huge audience in the City Hall itself hundreds of thousands

of listeners heard their talk over the radio from the microphone installed on the main staircase.

Here, too, Ernie Smith, who was soon to make the hazardous flight himself, was called up from the audience and introduced to the city.

From the same spot two weeks later similar honors were bestowed upon Smith and his pilot, Emory Bronte, after their return from Hawaii. Supervisor Andrew Gallagher, a member of the airport committee of the board, did the honors at the second ceremony, introducing Mayor Rolph, who decorated the fliers with laurel wreaths and presented them to the audience. Thus, within two weeks, the city had the honor of welcoming four men who had assisted in the making of aviation history.



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McSHEEHY ON MEMORIAL BOARD

Supervisor James B. McSheehy, chairman of the Finance Committee, has been named a member of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco War Memorial. Election took place at a recent meeting of the board held in the office of the mayor. Plans for early construction of the War Memorial are being speeded following victory of the bond issue at the June election.

Assessment Roll Index of Growth

By Charles L. Braun, Deputy Assessor.

ASSESSOR RUSSELL L. WOLDEN estimates that over \$21,600,000 will be added to this year's assessment roll over that of the previous year, which, on the basis of last year's budget, will permit the tax rate to be made at least 6 cents lower than if



RUSSELL L. WOLDEN,
City and County Assessor

this increase had not been procured.

The final figures will not be available until some time in August, as one volume, known as "the additional roll," will not be complete until the end of July.

All unsecured personal property assessments received after the first Monday in July are entered in this volume and on the first Monday in August this volume is given to the Auditor for computation.

Wolden hopes that his estimated increase will be somewhat greater when the final figures are available and his staff is doing its utmost to accomplish this end.

In order to keep pace with this growth the Assessor's office has kept its doors open from March 7 until July 1 from 8 o'clock in the morning until midnight. This has been done not only to facilitate clerical work but also as a convenience to taxpayers who could not conveniently file their returns during regular business hours.

This is the largest assessment roll in the history of San Francisco and it has been brought about by many different factors. Among these are new construction work, the re-assessment work which has made definite progress and also the general enhancement of property values.

On the other hand there has been a decided increase in the number of exemptions of various kinds, besides the tendency of owners of taxable securities to withhold their declaration due to a misunderstanding of the law.

The total of exemptions is increasing yearly. This, added to the loss in assessments on properties bought by the city for various purposes, tends to drag down the total of the assessment roll.

Wolden is also confronted with the problem of making assessments on property used for industrial purposes. An excessive assessment may be the means of forcing manufacturers to locate in some other county where the taxes may be more favorable.

The new tax rate will be established by the supervisors in the early part of September.

Woman and the Home

By Mignon

PAINTING ON GLASS

PAINTING on glass is a fascinating hobby, and beautiful results can be obtained with some of the cheapest glass. China, too, may be treated in this way. Various methods may be employed for the work, the most popular being painting in enamels. Enamel dries quickly, and is safe to handle after about 48 hours.

All glass or china must be well washed and rubbed over with alcohol until quite clean and dry before any painting is done. None of the colors will be permanent if the surface is at all greasy. Put the work in a cupboard, out of the dust, to dry when painted. Never use a crowded design for glass painting; one resembling a stencil is the most effective.

It is usually possible to fix the design underneath the articles to be decorated, but in the case of a bowl or vase it must be cut in sections and placed inside. You will now be able to see the design through the glass. As the enamel spreads a little do not cover the entire design.

Glass can also be painted with sealing-wax or transparent colors. Sealing-wax is used in the same way as enamels. A small piece of wax should be put into a bottle, covered with alcohol, well shaken and allowed to dissolve. A pointed stick is more practical than a brush for use with sealing-wax.

Transparent glass colors are flooded on as quickly as possible, and if shading is required, use the palest color first, and immediately add the darker one, as they are apt to form hard lines, which cannot be removed. A cheap camel-hair brush is the best for this work. Oil colors and extra quick drying mediums may also be used successfully and in some cases are much prettier than any others.

A design worked in enamel, with parts filled in with transparent colors, is often very effective.

Enamels can be thinned out with their medium until they, too, are transparent, but they are inclined to look streaky unless carefully handled.

MENUS

BREAKFAST

Any Fruit in Season
Ham Omelet Toast
Coffee Milk

To make the omelet use 6 eggs, 2 tablespoons butter or butter substitute, salt and pepper. Beat the eggs just enough to mix the white and yolks, and add salt and pepper. Heat the butter or butter substitute in an omelet-pan, pour a little of it into the beaten eggs and allow the remainder to get hot. Turn the eggs into the pan and as the mixture cooks on the bottom and sides, prick it with a fork so that the egg on top will penetrate the cooked surface, and run under the sides. The work must be done quickly and carefully so that the eggs are not all stirred up like scrambled eggs. Scatter finely chopped ham over the center of the omelet while it is cooking. While the egg are still soft, but slightly thickened, fold over, let stand a few minutes to brown, and turn on to a hot dish.

LUNCHEON

Macaroni and Cheese
Stewed Tomatoes Bread
Floating Island Custard
Tea Milk

1 cup of macaroni, broken in small pieces 2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt 1 cup milk
2 tablespoons butter or substitute 1/2 cup grated cheese
1/2 cup bread crumbs

Wash the macaroni and cook in salted boiling water until tender. Melt butter, add flour: cook until frothy; add cold milk, stir constantly until thick. Season. Put macaroni, sauce and cheese in layers in a buttered baking dish, cover with crumbs moistened with melted butter and bake in a moderate oven until crumbs are brown.

To make Floating Island:

2 egg yolks 1/3 cup of sugar
1 egg 1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups milk

Scald milk; beat yolks and eggs slightly; gradually add sugar. Pour hot milk over mixture; stir until sugar is dissolved, then cook over hot water until mixture is creamy and coats the spoon. Pour into a serving dish and add vanilla. Beat the whites of 2 eggs until stiff, gradually add 2 tablespoons of sugar. Drop by tablespoonfuls into boiling water and cook under boiling point for about 3 minutes. Remove with a skimmer and place on top of custard. Set aside to cool and, just before serving, place a teaspoonful of red jelly or jam in the center of each island.

DINNER

Fried Chicken Cream Gravy
Creamed New Potatoes Garden Peas
Hot Rolls
Lettuce Salad Sour Cream Dressing
Cake Strawberries and Cream
Coffee

Cut each chicken into four or six pieces, dip each piece quickly in cold water, then sprinkle with salt and pepper, and roll in plenty of flour. Have some cooking-oil or other fat heated very hot in a frying pan and saute the chicken until each piece is brown on both sides. Drain the pieces well and arrange on a warm platter, setting the dish in a hot place to keep the meat from cooling while the gravy is being made. Pour out of the pan all but two tablespoons of the fat, add two tablespoons flour, then one cup milk, season with salt and pepper, and pour the gravy over the chicken. A little chopped parsley is often added to the gravy.

City employees who are veterans of the World War are to be given a sixty-day leave of absence with pay to attend the American Legion convention in Paris next month.

City Treasurer Thieler has earned \$386,614.80 during the fiscal year just ended on city funds on deposit in various banks.

How the Lindy League Started

By Gladys Zehnder

THE Lindy League was organized by the Playground Department to give the boys and girls of San Francisco a direct personal interest in America's conquest of the air.

The league obviously was named for Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, the lone eagle whose achievement was the first of the series that have given our country so proud a place in flying. But in a broader sense it is dedicated to all the pioneers who have blazed new trails through the skies and have dared to open new lanes of transport for generations to come.

In the same way the real purpose of the league goes far beyond the prize contest to which the age of the members and the resources of the department necessarily limit present activities. The deeper motive is to impress the children with the idea that these great flights are not mere thrilling stunts, but pioneering adventures in a new field of service and achievement, for commercial prosperity and national defense. And by centering their attention we hope to arouse the interest of those who are adaptable to it in a rapidly growing enterprise which offers chances for careers of fame and fortune.

In this we are following the policy that real playground work involves infinitely more than locking and unlocking playground gates at specified hours, dealing out balls and bats and getting them back into lockers. It is even more important to keep the minds of the children actively engaged along constructive lines and to keep them off the streets and out of mischief, not by lecturing them but by offering outlets for physical energy and imagination.

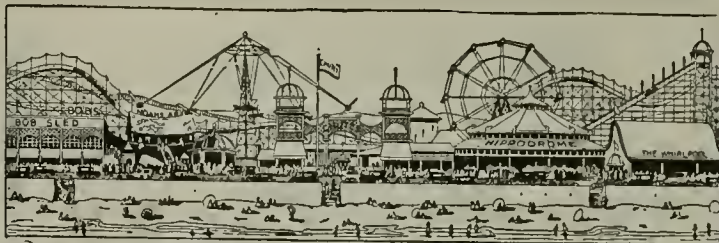
The idea of the Lindy League was suggested to me by a little Chinese boy who came on the Chinese playground to display a toy airplane of his own making. He shyly told me he wanted to be "a great man like Lindy."

Miss Josephine D. Randall, superintendent of recreation, saw greater possibilities than first appeared to me, supplied the name "Lindy League," won the approval of the Playground Commissioners to the enterprise and put her energy into organizing. The announcement of our plans was received so enthusiastically by the children that there could be no doubt about where they stood. And the membership emblems devised under Miss Randall's direction—a propeller surmounted by an eagle, against the background of a shield, all done in bronze and bearing the inscription "S. F. Playgrounds, Lindy League"—are treasures whose value is increased by the knowledge that Colonel Lindbergh himself is to wear one as honorary Lone Eagle of the League.

The only requirements for membership are that the boy or girl entering shall make an airplane model for the prize contest to be held, according to the class or division for which they are qualified. The contest is graded as follows: Junior division, up to 12 years; intermediate division, from 12 through 14 years; senior division, 15 through 17 years. Each division is divided into Class A, scale models, and B, flying models. Class B is subdivided into (1) rubber driven planes, and (2) mechanically driven planes.

At the time we announced the contest we had not definitely decided on what prizes to offer. Before we could reach a conclusion offers of prizes came un-

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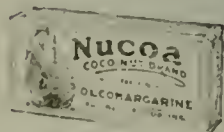
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Schools

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Thomas Connolly, foreman janitor of the High School of Commerce, recently returned from a long and delightful journey to Australia.

We are happy to announce that Raymond Holden, janitor of the Jefferson School, who has been ill for so many months, is rapidly recovering.

It is with deep regret that the department learns of the death of the husband of Mrs. Kate Norton, janitress of the Mission High School for nearly thirty years, and takes this opportunity to extend to her its heartfelt sympathy.

Moses Ephraim, veteran janitor of the Bryant School, passed away recently after an illness of many months. The departments feels this loss deeply, realizing that in Mr. Ephraim it has lost a faithful and sincere friend and worker.

Deputy Superintendent Hardy has returned after two weeks with the National Guard at Camp McQuaide.

Dr. D'Ancona Resigns

One of the city's most active leaders in school life will resign August 1 when Dr. A. A. D'Ancona gives up his work as an assistant deputy superintendent of schools, according to an announcement by Superintendent Joseph Marr Gwinn.

Dr. D'Ancona is planning a trip to Europe where he will spend considerable time visiting friends. On the way he will stop in Brooklyn for a stay with his daughter.

For more than a quarter of a century Dr. D'Ancona has been associated with civic affairs. He was formerly a member of the Board of Supervisors and before that was dean of the medical department of the University of California.

Superintendent Gwinn announced that the vacancy caused by his resignation will be filled by the appointment of John C. McGlade, now vice-principal of the High School of Commerce.

BRYANT TEACHER PASSES

Members of the school department learned with regret recently of the death of Miss Lillian Kalmuk for many years a teacher in the Bryant School. Before joining the faculty there she taught for years in the Everett and Humboldt schools, where she specialized in French, German and music. She leaves a brother, Robert Kalmuk of San Francisco, and two sisters, Mrs. John Manstone of this city and Mrs. Charles Lowman of Sebastopol.

RECORDER'S REPORT

Recorder Edmond Godchaux's annual report to the mayor discloses that his office earned a surplus of \$23,997 during the fiscal year ending June 30 despite the fact that the office is now required by law to do much free work, such as recording documents for war veterans. Total receipts for the year were \$142,647 and office expenses \$118,650. The office recorded 89,030 papers, a slight decrease from the previous year.

Total cash receipts of the city during the fiscal year ending June this year were \$49,904,780.

Fighting for a Bridge

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recount San Francisco's achievements and the necessity for the bridge.

The Pennsylvania Railway volunteered the use of its directors' special car, with a personal escort, Mr. A. H. Shaw, general passenger agent, to convey us from Chicago to Washington. This was a special compliment to Mayor Rolph. Also, the presence of the gracious Mrs. Rolph gave a touch of feminine charm to the party.

City Attorney O'Toole was the mainstay of the party in solving the many difficult problems of procedure and the marshalling of our case with all force. It was he who almost invariably had the last word at our daily conferences and the proof of his judgment is found in the fact that Washington observers commented upon the clear and orderly manner in which our petition was presented and the good impression which the Commission left behind it.

Supervisor Harrelson had a double function. As a member of the Board he expressed the voice of the people of San Francisco in a convincing manner and as both supervisor and engineer he was able to sit down in private conference with many officials whose audience, because of his personal connections, he was able to secure under circumstances that are not ordinarily to be expected. Thus it was that he was in several long conferences with Secretary Hoover, an old college classmate, with General Deakne and with Admirals Eberle and Gregory. It is my opinion that our future course of action will be in a large measure shaped as a result of the information secured by Supervisor Harrelson at these conferences.

Supervisor Havenner had the task of marshalling public opinion in our behalf, one all-important, and for which his training made him well fitted. When it is reflected that newspapers in every important metropolitan center of the United States editorially commended our efforts and that the important press associations sent out thousands of words over their wires, it may be realized that the incidental publicity which was given to the growth of San Francisco, as indicated by the necessity of such a bridge, was of inestimable value. Supervisor Havenner was also instrumental in securing the aid of important public officials in our behalf for the future effort.

City Engineer O'Shaughnessy and Consulting Engineer Galloway formed an ideal team for the presentation of the purely technical aspect of the question. Both are well acquainted with the manner of presentation to government departments having to do with engineering. They came fortified with maps, charts and voluminous engineering arguments and in my estimation answered substantially every objection.

If the Commission is permitted to continue its work in the same manner in which it has begun I have no doubt that within a much shorter time than is expected our objective will be realized.

The Duboce tunnel will be completed and ready for laying car tracks by November 1, according to a report from the City Engineer's office.

Ten new municipal street cars to operate through the Duboce tunnel have been authorized by the supervisors and \$192,000 has been appropriated for their purchase.

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Franklin 2325*The Public Library*

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ness," "Reading to show off," "Reading to pass the time."

These divisions might easily apply to the use of the various departments of the library and the new signs of direction would probably read like this: "Reading to pass the time—Fiction room," "Reading for business—Reference room," "Reading for pleasure—Stacks," etc. It's hard to say where "Reading to show off" would come in except in the case of the young lady who reads the "Mercury" in the Periodical Room, with a glassy look of uncomprehension in her eye, and doubtless devours "True Confessions" in the privacy of her boudoir.

Record of Stolen Books

Summer time, usually the slack period of library work, is given over to stock-taking, a feverishly busy performance and very interesting in results.

This year's checking shows that a larger proportion of books have been stolen from the Park Branch, at Page and Cole Streets, than from any other branch, a rather disturbing report. The number of books lost by theft, while much too large, does not equal losses of other cities of similar size.

These stolen books often turn up in queer places. Not long ago in the display windows of a large charity organization were shown some two dozen books plainly labeled San Francisco Public Library, and marked for sale—a rather elementary sense of charity.

The summer motor tourist who misses reading "The Family Flivver to Frisco," by Frederic Van de Water, should have four blowouts immediately as punishment. This is one of the funniest, most entertaining and genuinely helpful books ever printed. Among the diversity of information given is how to put up a tent in a high wind, the best and quickest way to exterminate "road liars," how to come down a hill without brakes (attention, Ford owners!), and how to avoid changing tires.

According to Mr. Van de Water, no woman west of the Rockies ever has to change a flat tire. All she has to do is to sit on the runningboard and look disconsolate and along will come a gallant westerner to change the tire in exchange for a smile. Come to the library and get this book before you start on your trip.

Branch Notes

A round table meeting of the branch librarians was held at the main library on July 6 under the chairmanship of Robert Rea, librarian, and Miss Belle Goldman, superintendent of the branches. Problems of interest to the branches and the main library were discussed.

Various changes have been made in the branch staffs. Mrs. McHuiston of Branch One has resigned and Mrs. Isaacs has been assigned her position. Mrs. R. Rogers has been given the first assistant's schedule at the Noe Valley Branch and Miss Anita Levy, from the Richmond Branch, is working in the Reference Room during the summer.

The books have been ordered and cataloged for a new branch soon to be opened in the vicinity of San Bruno. This will be the fourth new branch to be started in two years.

Personal Notes

The 25 college girls who were taken on as extra help

for the summer months are being moved around from department to department, filling in holiday vacancies.

Mrs. Marion Kasling, of the Information Desk at the Main Library, has been in Europe for several months and is now in Berlin.

Mrs. E. Rogers has been in New York for two months.

Miss Edna Barnes of the Periodical Department is leaving for the East at the end of July.

Miss Isabella Johnston of the same department is motoring to Vancouver.

Miss Ella Crowhurst of the McCreery Branch spent her vacation in the South and at the Grand Canyon.

Miss Farrell of the Reading Room spent several weeks at Pasadena.

Miss Kaufman of the Catalog Department also went south for her vacation.

Miss Mel from the Catalog spent several weeks at Carmel, as did also Miss Markwell of the Order Department.

Former Assistant Passes

It is with deep-felt sorrow that we note the death of Miss Ida B. Weed, for over 25 years an assistant in the Public Library. Miss Weed was a member of the staff before the fire and earthquake and helped build up the present organization after the catastrophe had destroyed the entire collection. She was respected and loved by all who knew her and her absence will be felt by every member of the staff.

Parks and Museums

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restaurant activities for the Park Commission. During July the miniature railway at the playfield underwent a complete overhauling, and all the cars were rebuilt. The new seats give more room and look fine in their new paint. The cars have been lettered and numbered and have taken on the aspect of real "choo-choos."

A very unusual amusement is provided at the Fleishacker Playfield: this is a big wagon, carrying about 24 children, drawn by "Babe," an elephant which is one of the few in the world that has been broken to this kind of work. The elephant ride runs over a course parallel with the miniature railway and has proved a strong drawing card for the kiddies.

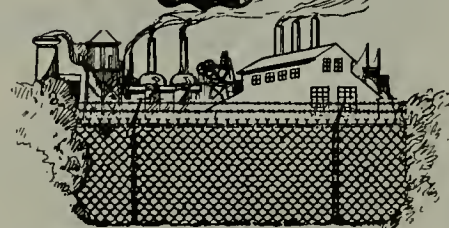
Besides these rides there is one of the most merry-go-rounds on the coast, a miniature ferris wheel, baby aeroplanes, and a donkey course. All rides are 5 cents each. There is a wading pool and a great sand pit for the little ones. Refreshments may be had on the grounds from an ice cream and soda stand and from the Tea Room in the Mothers' Building, which serves many picnic parties who wish to take their lunches out of doors. There are grills on the grounds where parties may make their own fires and try a little camp life right in the city. Besides the Tea Room in the Mothers' Building, this building furnishes many other facilities for mothers in taking care of their little ones.

Miss Cliffe Davis, daughter of Mrs. A. Davis, employed in the children's playground, Golden Gate Park, was married to Edwin Wendt at a very pretty ceremony on the evening of July 4. Miss Davis has been employed from time to time in the playgrounds and a number of her friends from that department were on hand to extend their best wishes.

Emmett Fitzgerald spent his vacation at Monte Rio on the Russian River and had a very pleasant time. He came back with a sunburned nose, which seems to cause much speculation.

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Visiting Hetch Hetchy

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and Jacksonville, both famed in the early history of California, and finally arrived at Moccasin Creek powerhouse. Ample accommodations were found at the splendid new clubhouse.

"It was here that United States Senator Key Pittman of Nevada showed up unexpectedly to be welcomed as the champion of Hetch Hetchy. Fourteen years ago Senator Pittman led the forces of San Francisco in the halls of Congress for the passage of the Raker Act, making possible the project which is destined to bring unlimited supplies of pure mountain water into the city.

"The senator was out fishing in the Tahoe country when he received a message from City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy informing him that a plaque in his honor was to be unveiled at O'Shaughnessy dam.

"Never having seen the Hetch Hetchy layout, Senator Pittman was somewhat mixed up as to distances, but he made it in plenty of time.

"It happens that the senator and Supervisor Alfred Roncovieri both are 'sourdoughs.' They sought wealth and fame in the Klondike in the rush days in that region. They recalled the stirring times and recounted tales of the trails. Supervisor Roncovieri produced some copies of San Francisco newspapers of 1913 containing accounts of the Hetch Hetchy fight in Congress.

"The commemorative exercises at O'Shaughnessy dam took place Friday afternoon, with Supervisor Warren Shannon presiding in the absence of Mayor James Rolph Jr.

"Senator Pittman was quite overwhelmed by the honor. The bronze plaque in his honor will remain a permanent acknowledgment of San Francisco's gratitude.

"Supervisors Andrew J. Gallagher, L. F. Byington and Alfred Roncovieri were introduced and spoke feelingly. Senator Pittman was the last speaker and he paid an eloquent tribute to City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy and his aides who so successfully are carrying out the heavy task assigned them.

"Friday night we stopped at Carl Inn and thence the next morning into the Yosemite.

"Supervisor Schmidt astonished the whole crowd as well as hundreds of summer visitors by displaying a catch of 14 fine big trout which he caught in the Merced River at a point about five miles from the new Ahwahnee Hotel.

"He explained that he employed the 'Indian style' in landing the speckled beauties. Supervisor Powers went up to the fishing place later, but nary a trout caught he, while Schmidt added some more to his basket.

"Saturday evening the party attended a banquet in the new \$1,250,000 Ahwahnee Hotel, opened for the first time, as the guests of Superintendent of National Parks Mather. Superintendent Mather called attention of the supervisors to the requirements of the Raker Act under which San Francisco is obligated to build or reconstruct some roads on the Hetch Hetchy project.

"Sunday noon the party boarded the automobiles and sped back through the warm valleys to the cooling breezes of San Francisco Bay."

The supervisors who made the trip were John B. Badaracco, L. F. Byington, Andrew J. Gallagher, Charles J. Powers, Alfred Roncovieri, Walter J. Schmidt, Warren Shannon, William P. Stanton and Charles F. Todd.

City and County Offices

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Walter J. Martenson, Deputy Sheriff

Louis Strohl, beau brummel of the sheriff's office, can be seen any morning between 5:30 and 7 o'clock pounding the paths of the park in an endeavor to reduce the avoirdupois gathering about the mid-line.

Willie Gehrels has just returned from his vacation at Richardson Springs, where he spent a pleasant two weeks with Maurice Swim.

Joe Healy is not going fishing this year as it appears he has had enough fish during the past six months to last him for years to come.

Professor Dillon, who has had 22 years experience as a bookkeeper, is opening up a night school class in bookkeeping.

A convention of Under-Sheriffs and Chief Deputies from every county in the state was held at the Whitcomb Hotel June 24 and 25th. The affairs of the sheriffs' offices in the different counties were discussed. Although the state law governing the duties of the sheriff's office in each county is uniform, the method of procedure has not been uniform and as a result of the convention a uniform method of procedure is to be followed in all the counties.

The meeting was well attended and redounded to the benefit of all.

Mr. Veale of Contra Costa is president of the organization and Mr. Youngblood of Stockton is secretary. Frank J. Burke of San Francisco is chairman of the legislative committee.

The next annual convention will also be held in San Francisco.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By Thomas J. Slevin

Monica Mannix, secretary to City Attorney O'Toole, is back from a three weeks' trip to Honolulu with the Y. L. I.

Walter Dold is the proud father of a girl born early in July.

Bob McMahon has won the title of the "Uncrowned King of North Beach." Whenever anyone in North Beach gets into legal difficulties he comes to Bob for free advice, and gets it.

Larry Conlon is sincerely missed by the boys around the office. Larry is laid up in bed but his return is expected soon.

Charles J. McDonnell is being called the Beau Brummell of the office as much for his cheery good nature as his sartorial elegance.

JUSTICES' CLERK REPORTS

The report of Justices' Clerk Robert W. Dennis to the mayor for the fiscal year recently closed shows an admirable record of 3,723 trials conducted during the year and 290 appeals. A total of 19,990 cases were filed in the justice courts during the year, yielding receipts of \$39,980.

With trial receipts and others, total receipts for the year were brought up to \$52,710.20. Salaries of the five justices totaled \$21,000 and those of the clerk and his ten assistants, \$30,000.

In the small claims department 6,480 actions were filed and a total of \$27,068 was collected for litigants in that court.

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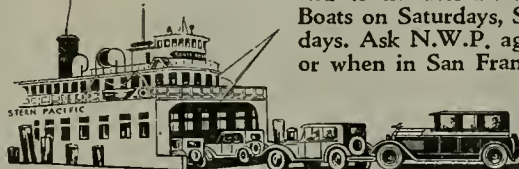
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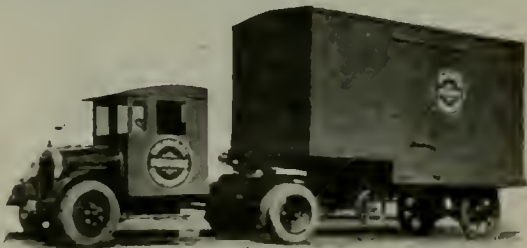
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Bureau of Engineering

By C. H. Stern

The City Engineers' baseball team which is being organized to do battle with the team of the Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering is gradually taking shape.

Caesar Manelli has been appointed captain and is making every effort to select a good team. The Los Angeles team has a reputation and is credited with having won every game it has played so far this year.

The game will be played August 6 in Los Angeles at Maier Park. The first ball will be pitched at 2 o'clock.

Plans are being made to have a special car to take the team and the rooters down into "Little Iowa." Any city employee interested in the game is more than welcome to join the rooters. A special rate is being obtained from the railroad.

There has been active competition for all places on the team, and although no Babe Ruths or Walter Johnsons have been developed, the result has been satisfactory.

Evidently the Los Angeles engineers believe in propaganda, for the local team has received a good many newspaper clippings telling about the victories and the prowess of the southerners.

Nelson Eckart, assistant to Chief O'Shaughnessy, is in Southern California on a vacation.

James A. Hourigan, chauffeur to the chief, has gone to Mexico with his wife and family.

Mrs. F. A. Edwards, stenographer on Hetch Hetchy work, is back on the job again after a two weeks' vacation on the city's vacation camp.

William E. Hull is back after a leave of absence of a year and a half during which he has been engaged on numerous engineering jobs. The office is glad to see him again.

The Lindy League

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solicited from sources interested in public welfare and in the development of aviation. The newspapers have signified their intention of offering prizes, the Pacific Air Transport Company, operating the circle of air transport basing on San Francisco and Los Angeles, has offered to give airplane flights to two winners in each class (subject to parental consent, of course), and the National Aeronautic Association is offering junior memberships in its organization for the winners in the senior division. Other aviation companies, as well as private enthusiasts, have indicated their intention of offering prizes and trophies.

In the Playground Department we have been much gratified by the growth of what started as a very modest venture. There are indications that many of the leading cities will join us in a national circuit of Lindy Leagues, with perhaps a national contest of the city winners.

Expenses of operating city government during the last fiscal year were \$50,000,000, according to a report of City Treasurer Thieler, a saving of nearly \$3,000,000 compared with the previous year.

The Firemen

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Brodie took a chance, Red.

Lieutenant Murphy of Engine 42 is still looking for the fellow that invented those modern Chinese lottery tickets. Hope you find him, Phil.

Captain Sullivan of Engine 43 has worn out all the saws in the neighborhood on his woodpile. Keep up the good work, Frank.

Haynes of Engine 44 is still working on a radio that will get distance without static. Why not consult Marconi, Royal?

Spinetti of Engine 45 has run out of fish stories. Better co-operate with Ronde, as he never comes up for air.

Captain Collins of Engine 46 claims that Captain Kenealey will never win that prize waltz as long as he can move around. Don't kid yourself, Jerry, as Willie is like old wine. He improves with age.

Centilivre of Engine 47 will not enter the waltzing contest but will compete in the black bottom only. More power to you, Charlie.

Woodbeck of Truck 5 sure is having his share of hard luck raising rabbits. Ever try feeding them, Charlie?

Lamey of Truck 6 has been very conservative in the line of chatter lately. Is it the wedding bells you hear, Frank.

Lieutenant Gericke of Truck 10 claims a record for shaving, having used the same blade since he left Engine 14. That's a bit heavy, Otto.

Crowe of Truck 11 can't figure out why people eat snails. Maybe your friend, Lieutenant Coyne, will let you in on the secret, Tim.

Guess the boys of Truck 12 and Chemical 5 will be glad to have their old friend, Captain Taylor, back with them. Is it the park, Bill?

Looks like the boys of Engine 48 will have to fall back on the radio as Grubb is transferring to Engine 16.

Our friend, Miss Creeley of the Fire Alarm Office, is spending her vacation at Hetch Hetchy. It is rumored that she is bringing back a Mrs. in front of her name. Good luck to you, Anne.

City Sealer Busy

Economy is the watchword of the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Thomas Flaherty. His report for the year, submitted to Mayor Rolph, and a similar report to the finance committee of the supervisors reveal that although the amount of work has enormously increased during the seven years of his incumbency he is actually spending less money.

An idea of the amount of work performed by the office is gained from the statement that during the year it examined no less than 7,894,403 milk bottles besides 693,373 packages of merchandise, 95,623 measures, 23,232 weights and 21,560 scales.

Four arrests were made during the year, with three convictions. Mr. Flaherty points out that the number of prosecutions is decreasing, indicating that tendencies toward deliberate fraud on the part of merchants are decreasing.

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WHEREVER affairs of municipal government are discussed in the State of California sooner or later the name of H. A. Mason crops up in the conversation.

For nearly a quarter of a century and up to a few

days ago Mr. Mason was associated with the office of the clerk of the Board of Supervisors. During that time he became known as an authority on municipal affairs and was frequently called upon to help solve knotty problems arising in the administration of city governments. He is also known as the organizer of the League of California Municipalities, an organization which has been particularly effective in the last decade in coordinat-



Photo by Bushnell

H. A. MASON

ing the activities of city officials throughout the state. He resigned his position a few days ago and is now with James G. Stafford and his staff engaged in the reappraisal of the whole of San Francisco.

Mr. Mason joined the city government in 1903 when he was called in to straighten out some bond proceedings. After the fire his was the gigantic task of attempting to restore some of the records that had been destroyed. This took several years, and in addition to his regular work he compiled a volume of city ordinances, a franchise book and some other necessary publications. He handled the details of the \$45,000,000 Hetch Hetchy bond issue but got most of his enjoyment in meeting the situation when San Francisco started to build tunnels and had no tunnel procedure ordinance. He proceeded to draft one that has withstood every legal attack made upon it thus far.

Typical of his imperturbability was his statement as he left the desk that had been his for more than twenty years:

"My work has been agreeable and I have acquired a little more knowledge and experience, and have evolved a philosophy that has produced contentment and peace of mind, and what more is there in life?

"Retirement, though, does not mean inaction. I don't wish to sit around and do nothing but grow old. There are some things I want to do because I like to. That's a form of pleasure. And so when Mr. Stafford asked me to come into his appraisal organization I said 'Yes,' because I have become interested in it, and can see there is need for its application throughout the state.

"Have I regrets? It's like breaking home ties and going out into the cold world, but parting has to come sooner or later and Shakespeare says 'Parting is such sweet sorrow.'"

Playgrounds

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nity Wardrobe; a Music Department, developing glee clubs, choruses, harmonica bands, orchestras, etc., and a Girls' and Boys' Activity Department. Opportunity for activities for all types of people and for all ages must be offered.

Plan of Expansion

It will be necessary to make a careful study of the city's growth and development, working out a plan for expansion at least ten or fifteen years ahead, looking toward the time when every block will have a small playground for children under school age, in order that they need not cross a street to play; when every small child need go no further than one-quarter of a mile to find a play space; and when every older boy and girl may find a play field within one-half mile of his or her home.

Then every adequate schoolyard will be a playground, and every adequate schoolhouse a neighborhood center.

When the municipality offers convenient and interesting opportunities for the best use of leisure time out in the neighborhoods where the people are, many of our gang difficulties will cease, and the young people will be building character instead of tearing it down during their leisure time.

Probably no subject is more widely discussed today than is play and recreation.

Back of every big movement there is a definite and fundamental reason for its existence. Recreation is the balance wheel in our rapidly changing living conditions and it is only by means of the right use of leisure that a proper balance can be maintained. "The use of a nation's leisure is the test of its civilization."

Recreation An Investment

The encouraging thing is that more leisure hours are available, which, if used to advantage, mean a greater civilization. Organized and supervised recreation is no longer considered a luxury, but one of the best investments a city can make.

Organized and supervised recreation is more necessary now than in the past because home conditions and methods of living have changed so materially during the past few years, while the natural instincts of the child have remained the same.

Yards are smaller, families are smaller; automobiles have made the streets unsafe for play and have taken from the home many of the chores which occupied the time of the boy or girl of the last generation. Endless mechanical devices might be mentioned which make it even more difficult for the parent of today to find something to occupy the time of his boy or girl when not in school.

Age Demands Vary

Every child, during babyhood, up to three years of age, must and will play in sand for its best development. The instinct is there and will find expression. It may be in the clean sand of the playground or in the backyard, or it may be the dirt in the street—that depends entirely upon the opportunity offered by the home and the community.

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And so during the age of Loyalty, from twelve to sixteen, a community must choose between gangs and juvenile courts, or Boy Scouts, clubs and team games.

The adult, serving as a machine during working hours where a brain is often a detriment, may find his very salvation depending upon the use made of his leisure time and the encouragement given to the little spark of creative instinct he may possess.

The municipality has no more important mission than making provision for the right use of leisure time for all ages and for all groups.

"The universal impulse to play is a divinely ordered thing. If God gives the instinct, man ought to provide the playground."

PLAYGROUND PERSONALS

Letters have been received from Veda B. Young, secretary of the Playground Commission, who is hiking the trails of Yellowstone National Park, and who writes of its wonders in glowing terms.

Dorothy Schnabel, of the office force, has just returned from the Municipal Camp in the high Sierras, and besides many interesting snap shots, exhibits a healthy coat of tan as evidence of a wonderful time.

Aileen Jones, of the James Rolph Playground, is back on the job, and states her vacation has filled her with the well known vim, vigor and vitality.

Frances Ware, senior director of the Hamilton Playground, is spending her vacation at Calistoga.

Monte Rio is the vacation spot for Winifred Batkin, stenographer of the commission. Her letters indicate that she has no reason to regret her choice.

Nan Spencer and Elmer Gaetjen, directors of the Julius Kahn Playground in the Presidio Reservation, are spending their vacation in Mendocino County.

George W. Purser, engineer of the departments, is in Lake County, and expects to be back in Room 376 in another week.

The announcement of the engagement of Adele Byrne, director of the Bay View Playground, to William Dillon, came as a pleasant surprise to the personnel of the Playground Department.

The Playground Department will be without a bookkeeper for two weeks, when Rene Gibson leaves on her vacation. Miss Gibson is planning to stay at Camp Mather. She is driving her family up.

Nancy Bean, of the Argonne Playground, is at Lake Louise, and, according to postal cards received, "having a wonderful time—wish you were here."

STANTON A BENEDICT

The secret is not yet out as to whether Supervisor William P. Stanton has joined the ranks of the Benedicts following the publication the other day of the news that he had secured a license to wed Mrs. Alice Gregory Cunningham. The supervisor deftly disappeared immediately after getting the license and has so far succeeded in evading the newspapers. As a supervisor Mr. Stanton has a long record of activity in behalf of the people and as president of the Labor Council he has won many laurels. His friends and associates wish him happiness.

Flying Into Big Money

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and mapping. Surprisingly accurate and useful results are attained. The United States Department of Agriculture uses planes for patrolling the national forests to protect them against forest fires. Airplanes are used extensively in the southern states for cotton dusting to kill the boll weevil.

Travel by Air Grows

The air mail business has increased enormously even in the last few months. Most contracting air mail lines now carry passengers and express in addition to mail. Closed cabin ships are the rule. Air taxis are becoming increasingly patronized for rapid transportation to points not on regular air lines. Many doctors now own planes in order to enable them to arrive at the bedside of the sick in time. The Standard Oil Company of Indiana uses an airplane for transporting its president and Board of Directors from place to place. There are other present day uses of air travel too numerous to mention.

The Post Office Department built up its own air mail planes but at the present time is contracting for the carrying of air mail with private companies. The results have been eminently successful. While the Post Office operated the air mail lanes it also attended to their lighting. Since the Air Commerce Act of 1926 the United States Department of Commerce has taken over the air transportation routes. In addition it has promulgated "Air Commerce Regulations" providing for licensing of pilots, mechanics and planes and providing for flying rules, and also has published regulations for the construction and operation of airways and airports. Under the provisions of the Air Commerce Act, the United States Department of Commerce will designate, light and mark airways, but cities must build their own airports.

Airports Decisive Factors

Airplanes must have airways and airports, as automobiles must have highways. The sound commercial growth of air transportation is not now dependent on airplanes but on places to land them. It is truly marvelous that air commerce has grown to its present healthy size with the extremely few landing fields now in existence.

It must be anticipated that those cities which possess good airports will attract the existing and future air commerce. The existence of such airports and the favorable public attitude indicated by such possession will cause cities to be carefully considered as stopping points on the official airways of the United States as designated by the Department of Commerce. History has shown that cities can only prosper as they remain commercial centers. Once removed from the lines of traffic, a city is doomed. We have but to witness the great cities that railroads have built and the towns that they passed by.

This new instrument of transportation, with all its possibilities, is bound to play a role in the history of cities such as caravans, ships, railroads and automobiles have each in its turn played. With such airplanes as we have today, the future of air transportation is assured. Cities must have commercial airports, as they must have harbors, railroads and roads.

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The Municipal Airport

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acres (about 3000 by 5000 feet), would cost at least \$1,000,000, exclusive of building improvements. It also showed that it would take at least two years from the beginning of construction operations to be ready for use.

On November 2, 1926, the people of San Francisco passed by a majority of seven to one a charter amendment empowering the city to acquire an airport outside the city and county.

Then the debate over the acquisition of the airport began in earnest. The Board of Supervisors held numerous discussions and hearings and visited all the proposed locations. Finally the time element became of great importance in order that San Francisco be kept on the air mail lanes.

On February 14, 1927, the engineer's recommendation was presented to the board by J. J. Phillips. The present site was recommended for the following reasons: Its nearness to the city, 13 miles or 30 minutes from the post office; large size, 150 acres with a long axis of 5700 feet; freedom from all obstructions; low cost of development; and possibilities for rapid development. The board adopted the recommended site unanimously and the San Francisco Municipal Airport was under way.

Ready in Two Weeks

Two weeks later, the California Development Association requested the use of the airport for the Second State Aeronautical conference on May 5, 6 and 7. The city engineer said it would be ready. It was ready on that date.

On March 11 the city secured its first big user of the airport at a meeting at which were present the city engineer, the finance committee of the supervisors and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce. The wonderful spirit of co-operation exhibited at that meeting is a credit to any community. It is the thing of which cities are made. The Boeing Air Transport Company agreed to use our airport as the western terminus of its transcontinental air mail. But it was necessary to construct runways, build hangars and administration buildings and light the airport before July 1 to meet the requirements of the air mail contract. All that was done on time.

The story of building the airport could best be told by the boys in the city engineer's office who worked night and day, Sundays and holidays, that it might be done on time and San Francisco become a great air mail terminus. It was necessary to plan and construct water pipe lines from San Bruno, power and telephone lines, landing field improvements and grading, field drainage structures, an administration building, complete furnishings for the administration building, hangars, gasoline station, night lighting, and other numerous details.

Working Under Difficulties

The trying period during April when the grading was under way in the driving rains, with half and sometimes all the equipment in the mud at once, can hardly be appreciated by one who was not there. But on April 23 George D. Burr and Master Sergeant Fowler dropped onto Mills Field for the first landing and found it in fine condition.

On May 7 the Second State Aeronautical Conference was held and the airport was dedicated by His Honor, Mayor Rolph, in front of the Administration Building, and in the presence of thirty-seven visiting airplanes, ranging in size from the giant Douglass transport to the little but mighty Curtis Hawks.

The average person probably thinks of an airport as a dignified name for a cow pasture. This might have been correct twenty years ago, but today an airport must have a smooth runway a mile in length, capable of carrying a 20,000-pound plane at 80 miles an hour on the ground without jolting or shocks, any time night or day, winter or summer. It must have steel and concrete hangars capable of housing the giant commercial tri-motored transports, and shops in which to repair their wings and engines. It must have gasoline service stations and automobile parks, a radio station, an administrative office, meteorological station, waiting rooms for passengers, a post office, a first-aid station, a lunchroom and quarters for the airport personnel to live in. It must be equipped with night lighting to mark all obstructions, to flood light the exterior of the buildings and the entire flying field, to mark the exact boundary of the field and the terminations of the runways. The wind cone must be illuminated. There must be a powerful revolving beacon and there must be night signal lamps. The San Francisco Airport is equipped with all these.

All Buildings Portable

In addition to the above usual requirements for a modern airport, the City of San Francisco has pioneered and is the first city scientifically to determine upon its ultimate airport location. This location is but temporary and all buildings and equipment are designed to be portable.

If the permanent airport location proves to be on the same ground as the temporary site, a tract of land 400 acres in extent, 6000 feet by 3000 feet, will be reclaimed, and an airport equal to the finest will be constructed. The construction of a permanent airport will take from two to five years and will cost at least \$2,000,000.

To justify such an expenditure there must be something more than mere visionary hopes for the future development of aircraft. These guarantees are found in the present applications for hangar space at the San Francisco Airport. The applications to date are for 37,400 square feet of hangar floor space, received from the Boeing Air Transport Company, which carries the transcontinental air mail; the Pacific Air Transport Company, which carries the coastwise air mail; D. C. Warren, Pacific Coast agent for the Travelair plane, who was the first tenant of the airport; and four other commercial air transport firms; also one sport flier and the Breese Airplane Company's ship that is to fly the Pacific in competition for the Dole prize.

Superintendent Named

To look after the business of running the airport the Board of Supervisors on May 31 appointed Frank Flynn as airport superintendent, and Bartlett Stephens as assistant superintendent. Since June 1 these two men have been working on the problem of making the airport pay returns to the citizens of San Francisco and in organizing the airport business.

The present hangar space is not sufficient for the demand and as we plan to add new units the demand grows. The present intention is to add Hangar No. 2, having 24,000 square feet of floor space, by September 1. Even then the construction will be 14,000 square feet behind the demand.

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September 1927

Bringing Home The Bacon

THE victory of the baseball team of the city engineer's office in Los Angeles ought to have a stimulating effect on municipal sports. The team that brought home the cup was thrown together to answer a sudden challenge from the southern city and it met and defeated a nine that was well organized and had been playing together the entire season. Whether the boys had won or not the fact that they took up the challenge shows the kind of stuff they are made of and it is no wonder they came home victorious. Their showing in the south must bring a glow of pride to any employee of the City of San Francisco.

The cup for which they played is a perpetual trophy to be won each year in a series of games between teams of the city engineer's offices of San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. Before it comes into possession of this city for the present season it must be won once more and the local boys hope to do this at the game scheduled for October 8. Upon the occasion of the second game it is important that the municipal employees support the team and that they attend to lend the confidence of their presence and enthusiasm.

The boys from the engineering bureau have shown the way in organizing the present team and their example could well be followed by other departments of the city government which have large enough staffs to draw upon.

Besides the city engineers the department of electricity and the Municipal Railway men have nines and the firemen and police are active in other forms of sports. The next step is a series of inter-departmental contests between baseball or other teams or individuals representing the different departments of the city government. Such contests would be a source of pleasure and of moral and physical profit. They would promote efficiency and good will and raise the morale generally.

Perhaps the recreation department of the city government would find here a fruitful field for activity.

The Carmen's Ball

OCTOBER 8 is an important date this year in affairs of the city employee. Besides the baseball game in the afternoon, the Municipal Railway employees hold their annual ball in the evening. The carmen's ball is given for the purpose of maintaining a fund out of which to pay sick benefits and from which to draw for other philanthropic purposes. None of this money is used for salaries or other individual profit. The ball should be well attended by employees of all city departments as well as by the public generally.

Where Do the Suicides Come From?

By Henry F. Boyen

Attorney for Public Administrator



IT is not difficult for a popular belief, founded on an over emphasized false premise, to become an integral part of public opinion. Of late there has been much talk of the increasing number of suicides among young people. Notable authorities have drawn on the idea to act as a foundation for homilies presenting their pet cures for the ills of civilization. It is easy to seize on a spectacular case or two, set forth in the press for very novelty of fact, and assume that a growing condition of self destruction exists, especially among young people of good education and family.

The office of the Public Administrator has an inevitable contact with the affairs of San Francisco's suicide cases, and many valuable human documents appear among the notes that the unfortunates who fear life more than death leave behind them to explain, in some part, why they have chosen to step into the unknown before their time.

Together with the statistical reports from the Coroner's office, these notes make a valuable research source for the student of human nature. It is possible that, in examining the facts with an open mind, and in arriving at a conclusion of the causes and contributing conditions from these facts, rather than from conjecture, the real reasons for the increase in suicides may come to light, and, by inverse reasoning, the best methods of eliminating those reasons from the pattern of our modern life.

In the first place, in answer to the question, Is youth more prone to destroy itself now than in former times, let us look at the figures. In 228 cases, during the past year, in the City of San Francisco, only two were under 20 years of age. In comparison, thirty were between 60 and 70 years of age.

In five years, with an average of over 200 suicides a year, only thirteen were young people under 20 out of more than 1000. The big majority were people over 40 years of age.

Of this year's number, 189 were men, and only 39 were women.

EXAMINING the known causes, the greatest number in their motives claimed ill health. The next apparent cause, numerically speaking, seems temporary insanity, although a purist might question if any one really destroys his own life in perfect sanity. Self



PHILIP C. KATZ
Public Administrator

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preservation is so very vital an instinct in the human race. Financial difficulties form the third group, and some die by their own will for overpowering grief.

Very few suicides tell that they have died for love, only two of them this year of the whole 228. Six men gave the death of their wives as their motives. One wife blamed her husband's death for her act. Nine were despondent over too heavy an indulgence in liquor. Five could not face their domestic troubles.

Two students, one of them a colored youth and the other a law student, both of them 23 years of age, destroyed themselves during the year.

Looking for classifications, it seems that people in the more humble walks of life are most prone to suicide. Day labor is the occupation represented most heavily. Skilled and semi-skilled workmen come next. One poet and one musician joined the pathetic throng last year.

Of the methods used, gas is the most usual. One-third choose this way out. A fourth use revolvers. Poison, hanging, leaping from heights, and drowning occur in the order named.

Of the nationalities represented, Germans predominate to a remarkable degree. Of last year's total 110 were of this nationality, and 59 were of unknown birth. Nordics seem to prevail to a surprising degree.

A curious fact is that the heaviest number of cases

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One Down
and
One to Go

THE baseball team of the City Engineer's office invaded the city of movie queens and sheiks last month and, after a ten-inning battle, succeeded in planting San Francisco's banner of victory where it could be seen by the whole State of California.

Although practically untrained the local team met and defeated a team that had been playing together for the entire season. The baseball nine of the Los Angeles City Engineers has been organized for several years. Up to the first of August, this year, the San Francisco engineers had no team.

During July City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy received a challenge from the Los Angeles department. The Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce had put up a silver cup to be played for by the engineering departments of San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle.

San Francisco was invited to take first crack at trying to wrest it away from the City of Los Angeles. Without a team or vestige of organization O'Shaughnessy nevertheless accepted the challenge. Carl Stern was called in and told to get a team together and go down to Los Angeles on August 6 and bring back the silver cup.

A week after the local boys were organized they piled into a special car for the south, accompanied by the chief himself, and "Dick" Fitzgerald. There they were met by a brass band and paraded through the



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THE CHIEF AND THE CUP

Above: The team. Top row, left to right, Mooney, Reid, W. Dillon, Pringle, Stahl, and Manelli; Bottom row, Clancy, Abrahamson, T. Dillon, Fanning, Miller and Stern.

city streets to their hotel. On the morning of the game the band also led the way through the business district and out to the White Sox ball park where the grandstands and bleachers were packed.

The Los Angeles boys put the show on in the best of style and aroused great interest in the city. In fact, they had to do so in order to make the gate receipts cover the expenses of the game, estimated at \$900.

The game was worth the money, too, as the score of
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Charting The Sea of Traffic

By Ralph W. Robinson

Executive Secretary, Traffic Survey Committee

THE most comprehensive report thus far made for any American city on the subject of street traffic control, was presented early in August to His Honor, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and to members of the Board of Supervisors, by the San Francisco Traffic Survey Committee, and is at this writing under consideration by the traffic committee of that board. The report is the result of a year's intensive engineering study of the problems of street traffic hazards and congestion existing on the city's streets, and it contains recommendations which provide for a thoroughgoing modern system of traffic regulations and control.

The report was prepared for the Survey Committee by Miller McClintock, consulting traffic expert, Director of the Erskine Bureau for Street Traffic Research in Harvard University. It analyzes the present unsatisfactory conditions, and recommends specific principles, methods, and regulations which should be instituted by the various departments of the city government in order to alleviate street congestion so far as possible and reduce to a minimum the serious hazards to persons and property now existing on the streets. The success of Dr. McClintock's methods in dealing with the complexities of city traffic is well known throughout the country. He has conducted similar studies in Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, and various other large cities.

Traffic Charted

The Traffic Survey Committee was appointed by the mayor in the spring of 1926. The work was privately financed through efforts of members of the committee and other public spirited citizens. The principal trade associations and other organizations interested in

street traffic are represented on the committee, which with its advisory council, has a total membership of eighty-six citizens.

Numerous engineering charts, as well as halftones illustrating causes of congestion and accidents, are included in the report which contains some three hundred and sixty printed pages.

The recommendations made fall into several general classes:

First, those dealing with the installation and use of various safety and regulatory devices.

Second, those dealing with enforcement of law through the Police Department.

Third, those relating to the punishment of violators.

Fourth, those concerning administrative organization for a more systematic handling of future traffic problems.

The complete text of a proposed traffic ordinance, written in clear and simple language which may be easily understood by the general public, is set forth in the report to provide a specific and balanced system of traffic control. This ordinance is especially adapted to fit the peculiar needs of San Francisco, but it is entirely consistent with the Uniform Traffic Ordinance which has been adopted in many California cities and towns, and it constitutes another important step toward state-wide uniformity of traffic regulations.

Regulatory Devices Recommended

It is recommended that traffic direction signs as required by the proposed ordinance be erected immediately, and that greater use be made of paint markings for the indication of crosswalks, greater visibility of

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THE WORST TRAFFIC CORNER ON THE PACIFIC COAST

The Navy of the Fire Department

By Battalion Chief Charles Brennan

IN TIME of war the Army and Navy together form our Nation's greatest and best defense; in time of peace the fire departments throughout the nation are more than any other of its civic departments, its ablest defenders from disaster, actively engaged daily in a defensive war against fire, that arch enemy of life and prosperity.

What the Navy is to the Army, fire boats are to fire companies. Fire companies represent the land fire-fighting forces of a city, fire boats its water force. Two such forces, under one department, safeguard San Francisco from fire ashore and afloat in such able manner as to confine the local yearly fire losses, both in lives and property, to moderate figures.

San Francisco is justly proud of its efficient, thoroughly equipped, and competently manned Fire Department, and particularly so of that Department's "Navy," the fire boats Dennis T. Sullivan and David Scannell. And the designation "Navy" is not inappropriately applied to San Francisco's two fire battleships, the Dennis T. Sullivan and David Scannell. Their "big guns" are their huge monitors—three to each ship

—each discharging at high velocity a continuous water projectile of large calibre. "Secondary batteries" are represented by their portable deck monitors. Their "rifles" are the twenty 3½-inch nozzles from which an equal number of fire hose streams may be concentrated on the enemy. Surely battleships, these fire battleships, adequately armed and equipped to engage and repulse that most dreaded of peace-time destroyers—fire.

These two sister ships, representing the most powerful fire-fighting vessels afloat, afford security from devastating fires to all shipping wherever within the portals of the Golden Gate, and to all wharves, piers, and waterfront property of all the cities and towns bordering on the Bay of San Francisco having harbors or water channels of sufficient depth to permit of close approach.

To such cities and towns, outside of San Francisco, these ships respond on call from the fire chiefs, or other authorized officials, of such cities. To fires aboard vessels lying in the stream, they respond when-

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PART OF THE NAVY IN ACTION

The Making of a Budget

By Supervisor James B. McSheehy
Chairman of the Finance Committee

About the time this appears in print the Supervisors will have fixed the tax rate for the present fiscal year. The most important factor in fixing a tax rate is the budget. In the article below Mr. McSheehy tells something about budget-making and its problems.

OF all the tasks that confront a city official, that of making the budget is perhaps the most difficult.

This is especially the case in a community such as San Francisco, which is rapidly forging ahead through the attraction of new capital and new residents, making necessary the opening of large residential areas.

The budget-maker's troubles are never ended, for no matter how equitably he may distribute appropriations

and no matter how conscientiously he may strive to give complete satisfaction, there are always some improvements that must be omitted and some appropriations that must be held up.

March and April are the months during which the finance committee, which has been charged with the duty of making the budget, begins to feel the pressure of public opinion. The first requests come from clubs, associations, and private groups which feel that some worthy im-



provement had been omitted in the preceding budget and that they will insure its inclusion by early and frequent requests.

As the date of the budget making draws closer the same requests are repeated and new ones begin to pile up.

Requests that are made of the chairman of the finance committee have for the most part impressed me with the high type of citizenship we have in this community. They are mostly all for worthy purposes. Of course, there are some selfish interests that seek undue advantage at the expense of the general public, but these, I am happy to say, are a very small minority. The budget is a matter of such public scrutiny that smoke screens which are sent up by such groups are generally pretty well pierced when the budget is finally decided upon.

Worthy Requests Refused

I do not mean by this that every request which the finance committee refuses is an unworthy one. Every year there are many appropriations refused which would be of unquestioned benefit to the city.

In preparing the last two budgets, the finance com-

mittee—and here I must pay a very high tribute to the conscientious and arduous services of my colleagues, Supervisors Franck B. Havenner and Milo F. Kent—has kept in mind the necessity of a lower tax rate, to which its members are pledged. But the committee has not done this to the exclusion of needed improvements, nor has it neglected to supply sufficient sums for the maintenance of the different departments. Neither has it failed to recognize the necessity of providing an adequate living wage for city employees.

The salaries of 75 per cent of all city employees are mandatory. The balance, or 25 per cent, are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. In making up this year's budget, we did not create or abolish one city position, nor did we raise or lower the salary of any employee.

Some months after the tax rate was made, due in a large measure to wise provisions of the finance committee in making the budget, the Board of Supervisors, by resolution, was able to increase salaries of 640 employees. In doing so it aimed to benefit those employees who had received no advance in three years. The board is now engaged in making a survey of those whose salaries were not increased last year and, if circumstances permit, it will try to adjust their salaries also.

Fund Transfers Allowed

The committee has allowed transfers of surpluses that naturally accrue in the Police and Fire departments for the purpose of promoting members of those departments to higher ranking positions when their standing on the civil service list was about to expire. In the last fiscal year there were many such promotions in both departments.

The financing of the school department is a matter that few understand. San Francisco is not only a city and county, but a school district. In the budget of 1925-26 there was a surplus of \$160,000 and in the 1926-27 budget there was a surplus of \$216,000.

One of the things that has aided materially in the lowering of taxes has been the fact that, for the last two years, the committee has made use of a revenue of \$400,000 from outside sources, which in previous years had not been used to lower taxes. The advantage of the use of this money may be realized when it is understood that the expenditure of every \$72,000 means an increase of one cent in the tax rate.

Some of the city departments, the Park Commission, and the Playground Commission, are allotted specified sums, based on every one hundred dollars of appraised property. The playground get five cents and the parks seven cents. Such provisions are a source of considerable relief to the budget-makers, since they may be written down and will pass through without dispute or delay.



Public Library

Edited By Frances K. Langpaap

THE essential value of a library to its community lies in the accessibility of its service. The library should be the place to which a person instinctively turns when he "wants to know" something, and the easier it is for him to find out what he wants to know, the more fully is the library fulfilling the purpose of its existence. Every private library cannot include in its collection complete sets of encyclopedias, biographical dictionaries, year-books, statistical re-

ports and the like. Obviating the expense, mere lack of space renders this impossible. But all of these and many other sources of information are easy of access and use in the Reference Room of the Public Library.

The wide variety of queries which are handled in a single day by the reference department has often been discussed in print. It is a never-failing source of interest to students of human nature to tabulate the problems upon which the in-

quiring one's self with its contents, making its accessibility known. But there are few tasks which so happily combine a helpful touching of other lives with a broadening of one's own."

Getting a Book in Brazil

Readers who think they have to wait too long for books from the stacks will be interested in the account of the National Library of Rio de Janeiro in Harry Franck's "Working North from Patagonia." It reads in part: "There is a splendid Brazilian system (in the catalog and encyclopedias) of arranging directories, biographies and the like in alphabetical order according to the first name. I wanted to find out something about a composer named Gomes. I went to the sumptuous hall of the library, hat in hand, waited for the negro attendant to stop gossiping, then climbed to the next floor, where, doubled up like a jack-knife (they have the card catalogs on the floor) clawed through the catalog until I found the number.

"Having filled out a 'bulletin' explaining which book I wished to consult, giving author, title, the date, the number of the set, the catalog number, my name, address and other detailed personal information, I entered the sumptuous reading-room. That is, I waited patiently at the door, until I was handed a slip of paper which gave me the right to enter and—if I could still produce it—to exit. Then I chose a seat, wrote the number of it on the bulletin, handed it to an attendant and sat down.

"The attendant finished his gossip, looked at the slip and carefully put it under a book on the desk. By and by he picked up the book, was astonished to find a slip under it, read it carefully, and put it under another book on another part of the desk. Meanwhile I could not go to look up any other books because I could not leave the reading room without giving up my slip with the attendant's O. K. on it.

A Marvel of Service

"I could not bring along a book of my own to read for any Brazilian knows that it would be some worthless pamphlet and I would manage to exchange it for a valuable library volume.

"Finally, it happening to be my lucky day, it occurred to the attendant to put my book-slip into the automatic tube at his elbow and send it off to the stacks. When the employees at that end of the tube got through discussing politics or the lottery and sent the book back by automatic carrier it was brought to me deviously by a wandering attendant, about two hours after I had put in the request."

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The library has acquired a copy of "The Letters of Amerigo Vespucci," submitted by the Grabhorn Press of this city to the recently held contest of the American Society of Graphic Arts. This book won the first prize as the finest example of printing and binding displayed. Two other San Francisco presses, John Henry Nash, and Taylor received honorable mention.



Photo by Bushnell.

quiring mind seeks aid. For instance, a United States Marine has just been transferred to a station in the Philippine Islands. He would like to know how many white people are living there. The report of the Governor General can tell him. An amateur book collector has found an old copy of Trifiodorus' "Fall of Troy" in Italian and thinks maybe it's very valuable. Graesse's "Tresor de livres rares et precieux" tells him that it is not very rare, unfortunately.

A New Use for Covers

The secretary of a very rushed business man phones in to find out the tonnage of H. M. S. Norse King. The information is telephoned back to him in ten minutes. A rather sheepish looking man wants to know what the library does with the paper covers of new fiction. His new house has built-in book cases and he thinks maybe he could put the covers around cigar boxes and fill up the spaces. He is referred to the Order Department which handles the new books. And so on, day after day, no question too small to be considered, no problem too large to defy earnest effort to solve it.

Marilla Waite Freeman of the Cleveland Public Library has bestowed the following tribute on the reference librarian. "It (the reference librarianship) requires limitless patience and large sympathy, quick intelligence, endless zeal in securing material, familiar-



Play-grounds



By Veda B. Young
Secretary Playground Commission

THE San Francisco Playground Department, through its year round program of varied activities, is striving to inculcate in the youth of today an appreciation of the proper use of leisure time. The commission realizes that through play, citizenship is built up and the morale of the community strengthened.

The busy vacation program on the city's playgrounds is at an end, but not without happy memories and gratifying results.

Many children availed themselves of the picnic and hiking schedule under supervised directorship, and had a glorious time at the beaches, Golden Gate Park, the Presidio, Angel Island, and the Fleishhacker swimming pool.

One of the outstanding days celebrated during the vacation period was the Fourth of July. Through the courtesy of W. V. Belding and the Park Commission we were granted the use of Fleishhacker playfield. All of the children of San Francisco were invited to come to this huge picnic, and games of every description



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VEDA B. YOUNG

were held for their pleasure and amusement. Everyone was the recipient of a gift, and numerous prizes were awarded. The event was well attended and very successful.

Another important vacation activity was the swimming program. Under the competent instruction of Miss Helen Wollang, Mrs. Jeanne Mulvihill, Frank Russ, and Marcus Graham, the boys and girls of San Francisco were given an opportunity, not only to learn how to swim, but to perfect their strokes. It was the biggest summer's attendance we have ever had, at both the Mission and North Beach bath houses, since the opening of the pools several years ago. This year we spent a great deal of money in the improvement of our pools which included the installation of up-to-date chlorination units. The water in both tanks is as clear as crystal, and perhaps this accounts, in a measure, for the great popularity of swimming this season.

One of our vacation activities which never fails to arouse everyone, is the Baseball Series for Juniors and

Seniors. Three hundred and thirty-one juniors and one hundred and seventy-six seniors were enrolled in the tournament. Keen competition was noticed throughout the series, the schedule having been arranged to give each team an opportunity to play every other team. The victorious Junior team came from Funston Playground where the boys are under Maurice Sweeney's leadership. The winners in the Senior league were from the James Rolph, Jr., Playground, where they are under Theodore Hamm's leadership.

The City Photographer, Horace Chaffee, took an interesting movie reel of the Municipal Camp in the high Sierras this summer. The picture includes the numerous recreational activities to be enjoyed at Mather and also views of points of interest near the camp.

On Wednesday evening, August 17, the Mather excursionists and their friends accepted our invitation to come and see the camp movies in the chamber of the Board of Supervisors. The room was taxed to capacity, and the people were extremely enthusiastic over the movie. Through the courtesy of the engineer's department, a reel of the Hetch Hetchy construction work was also shown, and an interesting talk was given about it by L. B. Cheminant.

Making Tomorrow's Aces

By Gladys Zehnder

TWENTY-FIVE hundred children are waiting impatiently for Friday and Saturday, September 2nd and 3rd. On those days their model airplanes, made for the Playground Department's Lindy League contest are to be judged and the prizes awarded.

Through the courtesy of Supervisor Franck R. Havenner, Miss Veda B. Young, secretary of the Playground Commission, has obtained the use of Polk Hall for Friday. There the planes will be exhibited and judged for scale and design by a committee of prominent citizens now in process of organization. They will be advised by technical experts from the army and navy, the Aeronautical Association, the Pacific Air Transport Service, and airplane building concerns.

Through arrangement with A. K. Humphries of the Pacific Air Transport, Crissey Field, will be at the disposal of the judges Saturday morning. There they will pass upon the plane models built to take the air and choose the prize winners.

There will be nine classes of competitors and from among the nine winners will be chosen the grand winner, who will be eligible to compete at Memphis in October for the national championship, the contest being held under the auspices of the Playground and

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The Civil Service Commission

EARLE A. WALCOTT, president of the Civil Service Commission, and James J. Maher, chief examiner, left San Francisco August 23 for Boston to attend the annual convention of Civil Service Commissions to be held this month in Buffalo. For the last year Mr. Walcott has been president of the national organization.

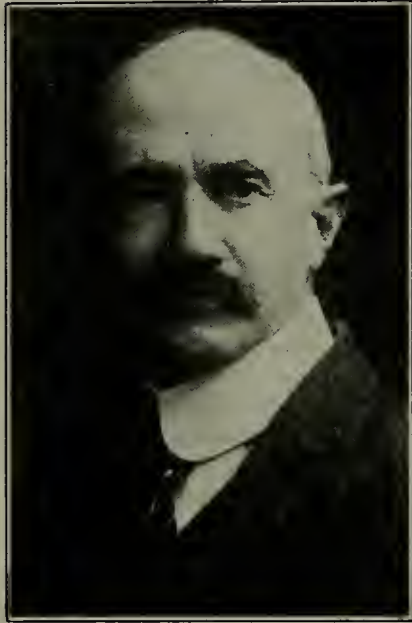


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EARLE A. WALCOTT

The convention this year is planning to discuss in fifteen sectional meetings subjects of vital interest to administration of the duties of civil service commissions of the country. These subjects include: Financial needs of public personnel agency, short answer tests, development adoption and administration of classification and compensation plans, public personnel agency's part in determining organization and operating procedure, service ratings, training courses for

employees in classified service, testing and certifying common laborers, concealing identity of candidates, relations of commission and its permanent technical staff, promotions, number of names to be certified, validity purpose and conduct of oral interview, forced removals and other disciplinary action, relations of public personnel agency and civic organizations, leaves of absence.

Mr. Walcott is one of the most widely versed men in America in civil service affairs. He has been a member of the San Francisco commission since 1912 and has been president for eight years.

He has been interested in establishing the merit system in civil service from the time when Theodore Roosevelt was head of the United States Civil Service commission. He was active in adoption of the state civil service law and in promotion of legislation both state and municipal affecting civil service.

He is also known as an author of several novels, numerous short stories, and a study of the immigration problem.

Examinations Announced

THE following examinations have been announced by the Civil Service Commission:

Institutional Nurses: Thursday, September 29, at 1:30 p.m., at City Hall. Applicants must submit proof that they are registered graduate nurses in this state, must be at least five feet in height without shoes, and weigh, without clothing, not less than 1.66 or more than 2.5 pounds for each inch of height up to five feet

five inches and not more than four pounds additional for each additional inch of height. Fractions of inches will be disregarded. On a scale of 100 the rating will be 70 for general nursing knowledge, 20 for relative capacity, and 10 for experience. Institutional nurses get \$100 a month with board, room and laundry in addition. They are required to work eight hours a day with one day off in seven. There are 75 vacancies. Applications must be received at commission offices before 5 p.m., Thursday, September 22.

Bacteriologists: Saturday, October 1, at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall. Time for filing closes at noon Saturday, September 24. General knowledge of duties will count 50, relative capacity 20, and experience 30.

Chemists (Medical Service): Saturday, October 1, at 10:30 a.m. in City Hall. Time for filing closes noon Saturday, September 24. General knowledge of duties will count 50, relative capacity 20, and experience 30.

Bakers, Bakers' Helpers, Blacksmiths' Helpers, Boilermakers' Helpers, Butchers, Carpenters' Helpers, Cement Finishers' Helpers, Cooks, Farmers, Firemen of Stationary Steam Engines, Gardeners, Gardeners' Helpers, Hod Carriers, Hostlers, Kitchen Helpers, Machinists' Helpers, Marine Stokers, Milkers, Painters' Shopman, Plumbers' Helpers, Steamfitters' Helpers, Tanners' Helpers, Tanners' Shopmen, Waiters, Waitresses. Rating on experience will begin October 4. Applications must be filed before five o'clock Thursday, September 29. General knowledge of duties will count 50, relative capacity 20, experience 20, and age 10. Applicants should not appear personally until the written examinations are held on knowledge of duties and relative capacity. Notice will be sent by mail directing applicants when and where to appear for these examinations.

Car Repairers: Saturday, October 8, at 10:30 a.m., in City Hall. Applications must be filed before five o'clock Monday, October 3. General knowledge of duties will count 40, relative capacity 20, experience 30, and age 10.

Plumbing Inspectors: On Saturday, October 15, at 10:30 a. m., in City Hall; filing time closes at noon Saturday, October 8.

Inspectors of Buildings: On Saturday, October 22, at 10:30 a. m., in City Hall; filing time closes at noon Saturday, October 15.

Tenement House Inspectors: On Saturday, October 29, at 10:30 a. m., in City Hall; filing time closes at noon Saturday, October 22.

Surveyor's Field Assistants: On Saturday, November 5, at 10:30 a. m., in City Hall; filing time closes at noon Saturday, October 29.

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Plans for the War Memorial to be built on Van Ness avenue opposite the City Hall will be ready in a few weeks, according to announcement of Supervisor Jesse Colman.

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Pierson M. Hall, city councilman, of Los Angeles, was a visitor at the meeting of the supervisors on August 22. He was given a seat on the rostrum with the chairman and made a short talk on co-operation of the two cities for the good of the state.

The San Francisco Hospital

Edited By Mrs. Mae. H Noonan

AS a valuable adjunct to our Tuberculosis Hospital, two new wards have recently been completed for the care and treatment of children. These wards are well equipped with the most modern improvements and have a combined capacity of sixty beds. Due to their unique position on the roof, they afford ample opportunity for the youngsters to enjoy sunshine and fresh air.



Photo by Lafayette Studio

Miss Eliza McKinne, school teacher at the hospital, returned to duty August 15th, and has under her instruction seventy-five children. These children are patients and it is necessary for Miss McKinne to give individual attention in many cases since the majority of them are bedridden.

The principal work among the patients in the Occupational Therapy Department is basket making. It is interesting to observe how adept they have become in this art. The baskets are for sale at nominal cost. Our annual report

shows that 10,704 patients were cared for during the fiscal year divided as follows: Admitted to main hospital, 8418; infants born in hospital, 681; admitted to tuberculosis hospital, 603; admitted to isolation hospital, 1002. A total of 857 patients were in the hospital on June 30, 1927, and 2365 operations were performed during the year. Tonsil and adenoid operations totaled 1035.

Mrs. Anna Papadopoulo, Athens, Greece, known as "The Greek Soldiers' Mother," visited the hospital last month. Mrs. Papadopoulo is president of the Election Committee of the Philanthropic Sanatorium (Manna) in Greece.

Other distinguished visitors included Robert Dick, M. D., Director-General of Health, New South Wales; E. Robertson, M. D., Chairman Health Commission, Victoria; R. C. E. Atkinson, Commissioner Public Health, Western Australia; Surgeon Captain B. Abe, Imperial Japanese Navy, and thirty of his medical officers; Col. Clarence Fronk, Hawaii; Mrs. Smith and Miss Campbell, New Plymouth, New Zealand, and W. R. Chittick, M. D., Coronado.

DR. E. B. FRICK, superintendent, is spending his vacation motoring through Southern California. Miss Ruth Gustafson, assistant superintendent of nurses, is vacationing at Los Gatos.

We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Hope Mc-

Dade on the event of her recent marriage. Mrs. McDate was formerly Miss Hebard and is supervising nurse in charge of our Psychopathic Ward.

Our medical director, Dr. Isabella M. Clinton, is enjoying a vacation at Lake Tahoe.

Mrs. Kathryn Sullivan has just returned from a visit to her home in Boston. Miss Josephine Ortez, Institutional Nurse, is at present visiting her mother who resides in the East.

It was with regret that we bade "good-bye" to Miss Eve Gazzolo, who has been in charge of one of the women's wards for several years. Miss Gazzolo has been granted a leave of absence for one year.

Miss Clara B. Seaman, hospital statistician, has returned to duty after a most enjoyable vacation at Putah Lake.

Miss Rose Monahan, assistant hospital statistician, has returned from a sojourn in the Hawaiian Islands. She told us that the trip was delightful, but we understand that the food served on board the boat did not remain put.

Miss Margaret Sweeney, clerk in the record room, is back from an automobile tour which covered a considerable area of our Golden State, including Lake Tahoe and Siegler's Springs. From her present appearance, which is somewhat sylph-like, it is believed she over-indulged in swimming and hiking.

Mrs. Flora Beban, also in the record room, returned home August 14th to find that she had been visited by fire. She is now over-anxious about the insurance man.

Elaborate preparations are being made by Miss Gladys Pollock, one of our record room clerks, who plans to spend her vacation in Lake county. She has been busily engaged for the past several days during her lunch hours repairing her bathing suits.

Our telephone operator, Miss Inez Mallick, has just returned from a vacation at Guerneville Park.

Engineer Charles Meyers and family are spending their vacation in the Santa Cruz mountains.

Joe Marelich, Fireman, is reported to be visiting the old stamping grounds at Tomales Bay.

Tom Shaughnessy has just returned from a vacation spent across the northern boundary.

Our old friend, John Keville, is getting acquainted with San Francisco during his vacation. We are told he may be seen any morning in Golden Gate Park feeding the squirrels.

F. Renwanz is touring Yosemite Valley by automobile.

WORD comes from the Municipal Ward that the following patients are making splendid progress and will soon be able to return to duty: John DeMatei, Board of Public Works; John Sullivan and James McElearney, Engine No. 4; John Sutter, Truck No. 7; Sergeant Frank O'Brien and Mrs. Christine Thomas, Public Health Nurse.

Dr. Paul E. Suehs, who was a member of our resident staff for two years, has just opened offices in the Flood Building. Our best wishes are extended to him.

The Board of Health has re-established the position of watchman at the Relief Home which was abolished July 1.

The Board of Supervisors

By Jesse C. Colman

THE Board of Supervisors constitutes the legislative branch of our city government. It consists of eighteen members, nine of whom are elected every two years for four years. The salary is \$2400 per annum.

In order to function properly and to go thoroughly into the many matters that come before it, the board is divided into eighteen committees of three members. Each member is the chairman of one committee and a member of two others.

The most important is the Finance Committee and it is the only one recognized in the charter. All matters pertaining to finance, all expenditures must first be referred to the finance committee. This committee each year prepares the budget for the following year. Each department of the city government, each interested official or citizen presents his appeal to the finance committee for funds, giving all details. The finance committee then goes over all the data and presents a final draft of the budget. This budget must be approved by a majority of the entire board.

The mayor is the presiding officer of the board and in his absence the board elects a presiding officer from its own members.

All legislative action affecting the City and County of San Francisco must come from the Board of Supervisors. Unless specifically stated in the charter to the contrary, ten affirmative votes are necessary to pass any ordinance. After an ordinance is passed by the board it goes to the mayor for his approval. He has the power to veto any law passed by the board, and his veto may be overruled by the votes of fourteen members of the board.

The board must meet every Monday, and if Monday should fall on a legal holiday, it must meet the following day.

Subject to the provisions, limitations and restrictions in the Charter, the Board of Supervisors have the following powers:

To make and enforce within the limits of the city and county, all necessary local, police, sanitary and other laws and regulations.

To regulate and control for any and every purpose the use of the streets, highways, thoroughfares and sidewalks of the city and county.

To permit the laying down of spur tracks and running of cars thereon for industrial purposes, such tracks to be used for the transportation of freight only.

To fix fire limits within which wooden buildings or structures shall not be erected or maintained.

To provide for the abatement or summary removal of any nuisances and to condemn and prevent the occupancy of unsafe structures.

To regulate the use of public passenger vehicles and to fix the rates to be charged for the transportation of persons or personal baggage.

To provide a public pound and to make necessary rules and regulations in the matter of animals running at large and the custody and destruction of same.



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SUPERVISOR JESSE COLMAN

To provide and maintain a morgue.

To provide for places for the detention of witnesses and persons charged with insanity, separate and apart from criminals.

To establish, maintain and regulate city and county jails, prisons and houses of detention, hospitals and alms houses.

To purchase or acquire by condemnation such property as may be needed for public use.

To impose licenses and taxes and to provide for the collection thereof.

To prescribe fines and penalties for the breach of any ordinance.

To fix the fees and charges for all official services not otherwise provided for in the Charter.

To provide for the payment of compensation to the interpreters appointed by the superior court or police court.

To provide for a special fund to be used in the construction of the general system of drainage and sewerage.

To fix the hours of labor or service required of all of the laborers in the service of the city and county and to fix their compensation.

To set aside as a boulevard any street over which

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City and County Offices

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Walter J. Martenson

HUGHIE McCAULEY, exchange operator in the Sheriff's office, seems to be very popular, especially in long distance calls from Portland, Oregon.



Photo by Bushnell

WALTER J. MARTENSON

Geo. "Rusty" Dillon, who has been connected with the Sheriff's Office for many years, is oiling up his firearms preparing for a bear hunt in Inyo County.

Bill Carr, "Pride of the Potrero," and Herman Teigeler, "Captain" in the Shrine, are back from their vacations.

Leo Kasten nearly had two deer. One he saw and the other he shot at and missed.

M. Keammerling, the great announcer, is to spend his vacation at Silent Grove.

"Sheik" Rissman claims he spent his

vacation at Rio Nido, but authentic reports state he could be seen any morning exposing his Apollo-like form to the sun on the sands at Bakers' Beach.

Arthur Collins is thinking seriously of entering the next auto races at Tanforan. He can frequently be seen circling the paths around Stow Lake with his "heap." In the first five times out he had only three accidents.

Indications are that William J. (Buck) Heffernan will soon avail himself of the benefits of the Retirement System since his return from the wonderful ranch at Brown's Valley in Yuba County. All that can be heard is "Ranch life for me."

RECORDER'S OFFICE

By Dan McGloin

PROVIDED his heap can make the grade, George Schiller is planning to start in a few days on his vacation into Yellowstone Park.

Ed Hanifin has returned from a motor trip to Portland.

Pete Clavere has given up boating for golf, and Lester Livingston has also joined the enthusiasts.

Captain Levy has returned from his old stamping grounds at Rio Nido, where he has been going on vacations for the last nine years.

Dan McGloin also has returned from Rio Nido, where he spent two weeks in boating and swimming.

The boys in the recorder's office have organized a golf club and are expecting to develop some new national champions.

George Myers of the release department, has just returned from a short vacation to Eureka.

An interesting news note in this department is that Albert B. Mahoney, copyist, who left his desk ten years ago upon the World War call to arms, and who since has been employed as secretary by the Knights of Columbus, returned to work in the office September 1.

Listed among candidates for supervisor at the November election is John J. Kinrod, copyist in the office of Recorder Edmond Godchaux. Kinrod, whose home is at 601 Leavenworth street, has been employed in the Recorder's Office for the last eight years, and is a member of the American Legion, United War Veterans and American Federation of Labor through the Office Employees' Union. He has started an active campaign and has the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

By H. J. McHenry

"DICK" HARRIS has returned from a three weeks' trip to New York and Cuba.

Margaret Lewis is away on a trip to Alaska and is expected to return in about two weeks.

The office staff regrets the departure of W. W. Anderson, who retired on August 31, after having been in the office of the assessor for more than twenty years. Mr. Anderson has been at the counter and has made many friends during his years of contact with the public.

A. A. Allen has been absent from the office for nearly two weeks with an infection of the eye.

Camellia Rosette is making a hobby of police dogs and is raising some beautiful animals.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

By Homer Warren

DURING the past month Tax Collector Edward Bryant and his staff have been busy writing the necessary 125,000 tax bills for 1927-28. After the rate has been fixed the amount of the tax will have to be entered and on October 17 the collection of taxes will begin.

Mabel Box, A. J. Batiloro, James H. McGrath, P. G. Allen, and the writer, leave for their vacations on September 1.

Cashier James Carroll has returned from a vacation spent in the southern part of the state.

Assistant Cashier Joseph D. St. Clair and family have returned from a trip to Lake Tahoe.

Graham Lee is back at his desk after a short illness. He says he owes his quick recovery to the good care of his nurse.

"Red" McDevitt and family have returned home after spending the summer at their place near Atherton.

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Bureau of Engineering

Edited By Carl Stern

"CAPTAIN" BUCKLEY, otherwise known as Buck Kelly, designer of fire engines, fire water, etc., has been acting suspiciously of late, continually humming "Sweet Marie." When cornered, he admitted that about a month ago he had found the proper design for a better half and forthwith went away and did it. Here's hoping "Marie" will have an easier time managing him than we have had these many years, and that she will have a lot of little fire wagons running around the house.

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Rodney Surryhne, the Adonis of the office, has just posted a "Resolution of Intention" on our bulletin board, and as this goes to print is nervously waiting the new three-day rule. Miss Marilla Dodd, of this city, is the one in a million for Rod. The charming young couple will take our best wishes along with them as they tour Southland on their honeymoon trip.

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A. L. Auradou, our congenial cartographer, is busy these days keeping up the census charts, but is always worried over its accuracy, especially in the districts of M. J. Callaghan, chief tunnel engineer, and popular Jack Casey, of inspection prominence. He is entirely satisfied, however, with the parts of town claimed by Ohmen, Hanson, Tegtmeyer, Reinfeld and Burke.

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Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Christensen were made happy by the arrival of a daughter, Grethe, in July. Had the baby been a boy, it would probably develop into a brilliant bridge engineer like its daddy.

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On August 20 Frank L. Schultz, of architectural renown, designer of airport appurtenances in particular, gave a timely lecture over the radio on "Airplane Development Commercially." Mr. Schultz learned his onions in France and his ideas proved very interesting. His description of a "tail spin" and the causes therefor were indeed enlightening following the last radio word from the ill-fated "Dallas Spirit." We can now appreciate how severely handicapped was Captain Erwin, who gave his life in an effort to save others.

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Arrangements are now being made to have the people of San Francisco in particular, and the world in general, listen in on the radio once a week to "An Hour in the City Engineer's Office." The development of Municipal planning ought to interest every inhabitant, and explanations of routine procedures and the question box that would ensue would help make the people feel a proud satisfaction in being well served. Interspersed with these talks will be musical numbers by such artists as Earle Hull, piano; Jim Dillon, saxophone; I. J. Ohman, piano; Rodney Surryhne, flute; "Sparks" Levin, horses.

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On August 11, at Maison Paul Grill, the boys of the

Bozo Club tendered a venison dinner to the victorious baseball team. The ball chuckers proved model men, however, and retired early, which can't be said of the others, who didn't know when to go home. Commissioner Meyers will never forget the antics of our brilliant first baseman and relief pitcher, whose slants on after dinner amusement made big hits.

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One of the many pleasures incident to the ball game in Los Angeles was the attendance among our rooters of Billy Pidge, Carl Hoffman and Jimmy Hourigan, with their families. This is the kind of spirit that helps the boys to win.

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Jack White, the boy with the sunny disposition and world wide experience in engineering design and construction, is pulling very strongly for Paul Bertaud to make his flight to Rome in "Old Glory." Bertaud used to work for Jack when the latter held an important position with the California Highway Commission a few years ago. Another champion who used to work for Jack is Al White, the diver. Now that we have Jack with us, there is reason to believe that this office will turn out a few world renowned champs.

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The heartfelt sympathy of every member of the office goes to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Meyerink in the loss of their son, Berton.

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Charlie Hiden's Ford coupe was stolen on August 7 at 11 p. m., and an hour later the police found it under a lamp post minus a screw driver, a pair of pliers and a jack. Charlie thinks the thief deliberately insulted him by stealing every thing except the Ford.

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Since returning from his vacation up the Russian River, Ivan Flamm has been mistaken several times for Duke Kohanamoku, the Honolulu swimmer. What a coat of tan!

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Elmer Jordan and a few friends went deer hunting on August 20 and the boys are still waiting for some venison.

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The baseball team had plenty of rooters at the game in Los Angeles. Jim Hourigan, Bill Pidge, Carl Hoffman and Boyd Rickey went along and led the cheering. Jim Hourigan gained two pounds during the excitement.

PARK RECEPTION TO LINDY

A public reception to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, world-renowned trans-Atlantic flyer, is planned to be held in Golden Gate Park on the afternoon of September 16.

Pull a Box, Lady!

By Ralph W. Wiley

Chief of The Department of Electricity

FIRE! Fire! Someone thought he smelled smoke and went into the hall to investigate. He saw little red tongues of flame lapping at the woodwork. Everyone became excited, the women hysterical. In the room was a telephone. Down at the street corner was a little red box. Nobody thought of the box but an excited woman picked up the telephone and started yelling fire.

She waited for the telephone girl to answer. Then she waited for the connection to be made and then for the fire alarm operator to answer. By this time she had become so excited she could hardly speak coherently. She had to try to calm herself before she could think of the name of the street she lived on and the number of the house. This may sound exaggerated, but it has happened many times.

Finally her work was done. The fire alarm operator referred to a map to locate her address and the nearest fire alarm box. Then he called the company nearest to that box and sent it to the fire. The company captain went to the address with his single piece of apparatus and when he found a stiff fire in progress he "pulled a box."

If the woman who turned in the alarm had run down to the corner and pulled the box in the first place the entire equipment of the fire department of the city of San Francisco would have been at her service in fifteen seconds. Within that time two engines at least, and maybe more, one chemical, one truck and two battalion chiefs would have been rolling toward the fire.

The moral is this: When you see a fire don't bother with a telephone. Pull a box. It is your duty in the first place to know the nearest box to your residence or place of business. During the last fifteen years the mayor has insisted that installation of fire boxes keep pace with the growth of the city, and we now have in service a total of 1,112 boxes as compared with 525 in 1912.

The telephone exchange at the Central Fire Alarm station consists of twenty-three trunk lines and eighty-five locals and is handled by one girl operator. When a large fire is burning the board is taxed to its capacity and it is not unusual to have all twenty-three trunk lines busy at once. This condition is, of course, dangerous, as it would prevent a receipt of any incoming calls of fire. The curious citizen, therefore, who wants to know where the fire is should restrain his curiosity or find out in some other manner.

For this reason the department of electricity and the telephone company join in urging citizens to leave the telephone alone in case of fire.

EMployees of the Department of Electricity will hold a picnic Sunday, September 18, at Schroeder's Gardens down the peninsula. The big event of the day will be the baseball game between the machinists and the inspectors. The latter expect to run the score up into three figures with a team which includes young Gerber who played with the Navy; Nick Siggins, former

St. Mary's star; Jimmy Foran, an old star of Poly; Ben Weisinger, of Washington State; Eddie Collins, of Santa Clara fame; Harry Romick and Fred Desmond, of Stanford; Maurice Levy, former star of Lick, and Walter Smith, champion swimmer. Joe De Vecmon, seasoned diamond veteran, has been chosen captain. After the victory over the machinists, Manager Nick Siggins is willing to meet all comers. Ed Henzel has been picked to umpire the fight.

A. E. Cohn, of the inspection department, who was reported going east, changed his mind and flew to Portland, after getting a month's leave, and is now reported somewhere in Alaska.

Inspector George Spottiswood spent his vacation with his family in the Santa Cruz mountains.

Inspector Ben Weisinger is motoring through Washington.

Ches Balliette, chief fire alarm operator, is up at his place in Shasta Retreat, where he can sit on his own back porch and pull trout out of his own stream.

Operator Bill Holmes is building a home for the Holmes family out in the sand dunes, while Vernon Clark is doing the same thing on Twin Peaks.

Miss Norma Davis of the fire alarm office is going to spend her vacation in the Yosemite. If anybody needs a change from a nerve racking job it is a girl on the telephone board of the fire alarm office.

G. Dworzek and Ralph Morrison, instrument makers, have been away, the former at Santa Cruz and the latter at Monterey.

D. E. Holly is visiting some mining property up north.

J. J. Wharton, aerial inspector, is up in the Sierras with rod and gun expecting to get the limit.

Among the linemen who recently went on vacation were M. Gwednick, F. Laun, J. Brulport and J. Rodney.

Firemen and Police Praised by City

FOURTEEN firemen and two policemen received official commendation at a recent session of the Board of Supervisors when a resolution was adopted praising their work in helping to fight a dangerous fire in Santa Barbara during the state convention of the American Legion. The resolution was presented by Supervisor Jesse Colman.

The men were at the Legion dance when word came that the fire was sweeping a whole block. The San Francisco firemen and policemen, clad in dress suits, hurried to the blaze and were put in charge by the Santa Barbara fire department. After a stubborn fight they brought it under control.

The men commended were Firemen T. D. Thompson, James R. Gavin, H. C. Ables, John Bencich, C. S. Graham, J. I. Adams, Robert C. Neergard, Vincent C. Riley, E. J. Sweeney, Julius Podesta, J. F. Buston, Thomas P. Barnacle, J. H. Blakeley and C. F. Valentine, and Policemen C. J. Innes and G. B. Duncan.

Of Interest to Women

By Anita Day Hubbard

THIS page is supposed to be especially for the women, though why men aren't expected to be interested in art and music and such, unless some woman insists on it, is pretty hard to understand.

The whole thing started in a discussion with the editor wondering out loud just what a Woman's Page was for anyway. One editor said all the women he knew who worked for the city were wonderful cooks and that recipes couldn't be tested out in the Hall anyway.

Another said he had put recipes in because that's what Women's Pages generally had in them.

They called the writer into their argument.

I said that what I wanted most was someone to keep track of all the things I ought to see and hear and know about town. When the best music was going to be presented, for instance, and a little hint of what the plays were going to be about, and the shows that the art galleries are getting ready, and what the smart women were wearing around the hotels at tea time, and what flowers are in bloom in the park, and things like that. It's terribly hard to keep all that sort of information in order when one is busy all day.

Well, to make a long story short, the masculine Okeh was stamped on the idea, and they said, "Go ahead, here's the page. Let's see how the girls like the notion."

If you like it, please write in and say so. If you don't like it, write in and say so. That's the only way either of us will have of settling the argument.

MUSIC, as always in San Francisco, will have an elaborate hearing this season. Marion Talley, that young and charming Kansas City and Metropolitan Opera Company soprano, will be here on September 6, at the Auditorium.

When Franck Havenner read the list of the guest artists for the coming Symphony municipal "pop" concerts, at the eschke concert a week or so ago, everyone who heard Brailowsky last year and delighted in his Chopin was glad to hear that he will come again. Yehudi Menuhin, that marvelous youngster who handles his bow like a veteran virtuoso, and who looks like a plump cherub, will probably pack the house.

Benjamin Gigli, tenor of the Metropolitan, will sing at one of the concerts, and Georges Enesco, violinist, and Harold Bauer, pianist, will be with us later.

Brailowsky will be the first artist, the concert on November 1 opening the season. That blessed Titan, Alfred Hertz, will lead the symphony orchestra in all of the series.

The San Francisco Opera Association is going to give us Tristan and Isolde this winter as a special offering. It is really quite a gesture, for Wagnerian opera has been unpleasantly conspicuous by its absence of late, and one had grown to feel that only Verdi and Puccini had written operas. With Alfred Hertz leading the orchestra, Tristan is going to be a real treat. Director Merola is to be felicitated.

We will have Turandot, Puccini's posthumously produced opera, here for the first time in San Francisco, and Verdi's Falstaff as a near novelty. Giordano's "a Cena delle Beffe," will have its quota of interest, especially among those of us who have to depend on San Francisco for our musical fare, instead of running off to New York for the season.

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The New Music Society, with Henry Cowell, that spectacular young comet on the modern music horizon, as president, will make its bow in San Francisco, after a precocious development in the south, in a first concert here on October 19, under the sponsorship of Ida Scott, who always had a kindly feeling toward the talented newcomers.

ART seems to have taken a new lease on life during the last year or so in San Francisco. The new building of the California School of Fine Arts, opened last spring, seems to have set a new standard.

The new East and West Gallery at the Women's Building started off with a fine modern swing, with Mildred Taylor at the wheel, and the formal opening gathered a group of people who represented the most modern as well as the most conservative elements of the artistic world here.

I think that the grotesque and fiendishly clever portraits that Annette Rosenshine, in New York, has been making of notables in the novel medium of statuettes, will be almost the most considered among the shows this season.

The Gallerie Beaux Arts has just issued a beautifully printed catalogue telling of its work and coming shows, and Beatrice Judd Ryan always has something worth while on the walls of her galleries.

DRAMA is also beholden to the new building at Sutter and Mason, for the Players Guild will put on a series of famous and unusual plays there this winter, beginning with "Hayfever" by that arresting young playwright, Noel Coward. Coward has stirred a vast deal of comment in the ranks of the sophisticates, and San Francisco will be glad to see a sample

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To A Librarian

(Dedicated to Miss Mary Byrne.)

Through frescoed halls she comes and goes—

Among the books dwells she.

Quiet is the little world she knows;

She moves there quietly.

But on her shelves are other worlds,

And voices not her own—

All hers to rule as though they were

Her property alone.

And generations growing tall,

And infants growing strong,

Shall all receive from her the wealth

She has to pass along.

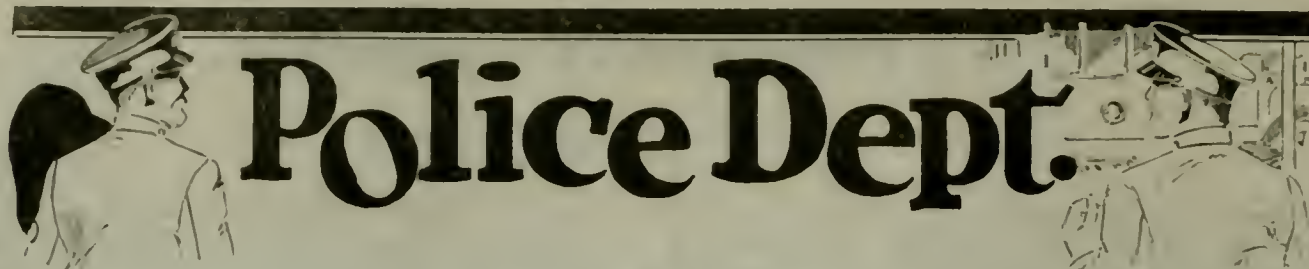
With her own hand she gives to them

New worlds, and voices old,

While through the years she moves among

Dim shelves more rich than gold.

—Marion Steward.



Edited by Jack Gibson

DETERMINED to do everything possible for a successful tryout of the recommendations made by Miller McClintock in his report on the traffic survey of San Francisco, Captain Henry Gleeson, head of the Traffic Division of the Police Department, is making arrangements to meet with the policies set forth in the report.

The report is rather a boost for the department, as it embraces almost in its entirety changes suggested by the traffic bureau.

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Detective Sergeant Richmond Tatham, in charge of the Burglary Detail, has made quite a record for himself during the past two weeks. During the time Lieutenant Charles Dullea and his men of the Homicide Detail were engaged in a long murder case, two murders were reported at headquarters and Tatham was detailed on them. In twenty-four hours he had one of them cleaned up, that of Mrs. Philpot, shot in front of her garage in the Richmond district. The other, a soldier at the Presidio, who was brutally beaten up, followed close on the murder of Mrs. Philpot. This case was solved in less than 24 hours, with the arrest and confession of the murderer.

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Corporal Ray O'Connell, who spent his vacation at Sieglers Springs, is back at his desk in the City Prison. He says they ought to allow a couple of weeks more vacation to get used to the outing.

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Captain Arthur Layne of the Central Station, with a squad of plain clothes men, uniformed officers, and motorcycle policemen, made one of the largest arrests recorded at the city prison for years. They arrested 127 men and women marching in sympathy for Sacco and Vanzetti, executed in Massachusetts last month. The prisoners were walked into the basement of the Hall of Justice, where many of them thought a meeting was to be staged, not realizing they were under arrest until carried to the fifth floor of the Hall of Justice in the large prison elevator. Those arrested were charged with unlawful assembly, marching without a permit, displaying banners and blocking traffic.

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Sergeant Emmett Hogan, head of the Bureau of Identification, is back from his annual outing. Hogan is recognized as one of the best experts on criminal identification on the coast.

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The Bush street station won the championship baseball series between that station, Mission, Ingleside and Richmond.

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Not in the history of the city have there been police commissioners who have served as long as Theodore

Roche, president, and Jesse Cook, former chief of police. These two have been on the job almost from the time Mayor Rolph took office, and with Dr. Thomas Shumate and Andrew Mahoney, compose a board that is regarded as the best in the country. These four men have displayed a kindliness toward policemen, that has made the department a high grade machine. Their kindliness is extended to the public generally who have business before the board. It is seldom a city is able to obtain the service of two millionaires, a high class attorney, and a former chief of police to handle the important business of the police commission.

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Lieutenant Henry Powell and his wife have returned from a vacation spent motoring through northern California. They traveled the Redwood highway as far as Bend, Oregon. Mrs. Powell, especially, enjoyed the trip after her long illness.

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Officer Joseph P. Maloney, for more than twenty years a member of the department, passed away two weeks ago at Mary's Help Hospital, after an illness of several months. His death was a severe shock to his many friends. A brother, Edmund Maloney, was killed while arresting a burglar in 1915. Another brother, John, is now on the retired list, and a third, Bernard, is also a member of the police department.

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Leo Bailly, son of Detective Sergeant Tim Bailly, who was killed in the performance of his duty five years ago, has gone into the drug store business, and has opened up a place on O'Farrell street, near Jones.

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Robert Clooney, five-year-old son of Officer James Clooney of the Bush street station, has recovered from injuries received three weeks ago, when he was hit by an automobile at Twenty-third and Noe streets. The car, out of control, dashed down the hill and plunged through a group of boys with whom Robert was playing.

Father McKinnon Statute Unveiled

The bronze statue of the Rev. Father McKinnon, S. J., famous chaplain of the Spanish-American War, was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies on Sunday, August 21. The statue stands on the Main Drive, between Sixth and Eighth avenues, on the Richmond side of the park.

New High School Dedicated

City officials and prominent citizens were present on August 22 at the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$1,000,000 Mission High School at Eighteenth and Church streets. The cornerstone was laid by Dr. William Drew, the newly chosen principal. The building replaces the structure built in 1895 and destroyed by fire in 1922.



Edited By Lieut. Fred Jones

THE boys of No. 9 Engine were sincerely shocked last month by the news of the death of Leo Murphy who passed away on August 17, after a short illness. Leo was an active member of the Widows' and Orphans' Mutual Aid Association, the David Scannel Club and the Veteran Firemen.

If looks count for anything then Brennan of the Corporation Yard, and Crowe of Truck 11, look the part of champions in their new golf knickers.

The following boys have been granted a 60-day leave of absence to attend the American Legion Convention at Paris, France, during the month of September: Captain Nelson and Willman of Truck 3, Bradley of Truck 13, and Pierini of Engine 28. It's rumored that Bradley is going to bring a French maid back with him.

Forsell of Truck 12 claims that theater details are not so bad, especially the Warfield. We admire your taste, Gus.

Looks like old times to see Captain Courtney on the seat of the apparatus of Engine 44. Glad to see you on the job again, Ed.

Voll of Engine 45 is sporting a medal which he won for telling the best fish story. It must have been some story, Dutch.

Lieutenant Gregory of Chemical 13 is reducing his weight by taking long strolls in Golden Gate Park. Why the park, Hen?

The boys of Engine 47 must miss their old pal, Charlie Centilivre, who was pensioned last month. He sure kept them going with his line of chatter.

Talk about colts! Just give Engine 48 the once over. Anybody with a year's service in that house is considered an old timer.

Our friend, Ed. Lamb, is back on the job after attending the International Fire Chiefs Convention up north. No doubt you had the floor while you were there, Ed.

Black of Truck 2 has been granted a 30-day leave. Is it a honeymoon trip?

Merlo of Engine 8 has not been seen at his shack at Pedro for some time. Have the mussels kept you away, Andrew?

Business has been quiet around Engine 9 of late, not a soul having jumped overboard.

Bandoni of Engine 10 has been having trouble with his cooking for the past week. Is it the garlic or the new aluminum pots, Bruno?

Everybody is happy at Engine 11 lately, as Captain Byrne and his crew were glad to get back to the neighborhood.

Bradley of Truck 13 left Monte Rio in a hurry last month. Did you pay for the canoe legs?

Lieutenant Soto of Engine 13 is being congratulated on a new arrival in his home last month. Mrs. Soto

presented him with an eight-pound baby boy. Keep up the good work, Angel.

Bauer of Engine 7 can be seen on his nights off at the Avenue Theater. Why the first row, John?

Cronin of Engine 1 is sporting a large diamond ring of late. They say it was purchased at 15th and Folsom streets.

Anyone seeking information as to how to increase the mileage of his car can apply to Captain Trapp of Engine 2. George claims that he will have his running on air soon.

Engine 3 can boast of a sprinter in Rafferty. Jim would have won the race at the Vets picnic had he oiled his joints.

There are quite a few new faces in Engine 4 for the past month. Four of the boys are on the sick list and two on vacations.

Lieutenant Kearney landed in Engine 5 after a short detour. Looks as if the north of Market street has some attraction, John.

Lieutenant Foley is back at his old stamping grounds once more at Engine 6. Guess the old place looks good, Mike.

We have an authority on shell fish in the department. Anyone seeking information can be accommodated by communicating with the Clam King, Ham Jorgenson of Engine 14.

Engine 15 is to be congratulated on the relief operators it has. Carter, McMahon, Levi and Crowley are a capable bunch and a credit to the department.

McDonald of Engine 20 offered his Ford to the De Young Museum. Why did they refuse it, Mac?

Lieutenant Schlietman of Engine 18 can not get used to the large crew he has now. Does the extra man make that difference, Charlie?

Engine 16 "ain't what she used to be" since Engine 25 put in her appearance and stole four of its men.

Lieutenant Murray is getting younger looking every day. Guess it's the Sunset fog, Jack.

In Fields and Frohman, Engine 23 has two of the best ticket sellers in the department and too much praise can not be given them.

The boys of Engine 29 claim a record for wood sawing. We wonder who does the sawing?

Murphy of Engine 27 was nursing a couple of sore legs after the Vets picnic, having competed in one of the races. Guess old age is creeping on you, Jack.

Tracy of Engine 24 has purchased a new car. Why not give them a chance to get old, Joe.

Captain Lee of Engine 26 is back on the job after a three months' trip to Ireland. Hope you enjoyed yourself, Mike.

Engine 28 does not get the thrill out of hearing Box 199 come in that it did a few months ago.

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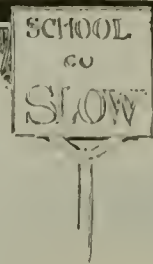
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Schools



By A. J. Cloud, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools

THE public schools of San Francisco have resumed their sessions. Thousands of young people are again afforded opportunity of growth and development under the wise direction and guidance of a large corps of enthusiastic, earnest, and well-trained teachers.

The school buildings of San Francisco house a population that in itself would rank as a city of some size. The figures for the end of the first week of the term

disclose that the day schools have an enrollment of 69,050 pupils, while 2320 teachers and principals are engaged in the work of instructing them. Of the 69,050 pupils, 12,336 are enrolled in the six-day high schools, and 56,713 in the Part Time school, junior high schools and elementary schools.

When the day school population has left the buildings, another group of students, reaching the proportions of a town of some importance,

arrives on the scene. They are the evening school students, approximately 2200 in number, who are instructed by a staff of 190 teachers and principals.

Three new buildings are being occupied this term. They are the Edison School, and additions to the Commodore Sloat and Galileo High School.

In the school program for the coming year stress is being placed upon the new courses of study which, during the summer, have been prepared for distribution as the outcome of many months of study upon the part of large committees of teachers and of the administrative staff. It is thought that these improved courses will prove of great benefit to the pupils.

In view of these facts, it seems appropriate at this time to review briefly the relation of the community and the schools.

School Conditions Changed

We are prone to judge an object, or an institution, by the standard of our individual experience in relation to it. Applied to the scheme of modern education, we

find very often that many persons estimate the schools by recollections of their own youthful days spent in district, village, or town schools. Such great progress, however, has been made in education since the beginning of the present century, and the schools of today are so changed from those of yesterday, that they cannot be judged by the old standards any more than the automobile can be measured by the horse and buggy of a generation ago.

Education is much broader than mere schooling. It can properly be said to be the summation of all influences of home, church, and social life in general. Nevertheless, the school must continue to be the chief formal agency through which the culture of the race is transmitted. The public schools, therefore, aim to make it possible for young people to become sharers in existing civilization and, beyond that, to prepare them to become effective builders in a greater civilization to come. "We stand on the shoulders of all the generations that have gone before us."

For such reasons as these, the school of today is a vital part of the community. The school's influence is felt every day of the year, and more and more the ordinary activities of the community find a place in the activities of the school.

The Teachers' Library

By Miss M. F. Mooney

THE purpose of a teachers' professional library is to make available, quickly and conveniently, such reference material as may be of service to teachers in solving problems and extending their acquaintance with current educational practice. According to State law, the county treasurer shall credit one-half of all moneys received as fees for granting teachers' certificates to a separate fund to be known as the teachers' library fund. This fund shall be expended exclusively for the purchase and maintenance of books of professional interest to teachers.

At the present time, the San Francisco Teachers' Library is located at the corner of Fulton and Hyde streets, in the Civic Center, just two blocks east of the City Hall. It consists of about two thousand volumes. In addition to these books, there are a number of periodicals relating to education, as well as a fairly extensive collection of sample textbooks. There is also a file of interesting pamphlets and clippings. All of the material has been carefully catalogued or listed and is entirely at the service of any teacher in the San Francisco Public Schools. Most of the books on education published during the last two years may be found on the shelves of the library.

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OUT of a four-room frame shack built more than a third of a century ago at Twenty-second and Church streets, has grown the newest addition to the school system of the City of San Francisco, the magnificent Edison school, occupied for the first time at the opening of the school year on August 15.

The first Edison school was built in February, 1890, to take care of the children in the growing section of the Mission district. It soon proved inadequate and a three-story structure was then erected with nine school rooms. So rapidly did the Mission grow and so great became the strain on facilities of the building that an additional eight rooms were added and subsequently several small bungalows to care for the overflow.

Meantime the whole theory of school architecture changed and forward looking cities saw the necessity of building for permanence and safety. Plans then were made to build the present structure at Twenty-third and Dolores streets at a building cost of approximately \$355,000. The school contains twenty-six class rooms and employs twenty-eight teachers.

Although it has only been opened and is not yet dedicated it is already crowded to capacity with 1074 pupils. Its classes are under the direction of Principal Miss Josephine Saunders, and Vice-Principal Camilla M. McDermott.

An unusual feature of the Edison school is its playground which extends practically the whole length of the building and is one of the most expensive playgrounds in the city. The edifice is also equipped with an indoor playground for the use of the pupils during rainy weather. The outdoor playground is considered

of such importance that the Playground Commission has appointed a supervisor to take care of it and to guide the children in their games.

Plans for the building were drawn by John Reid, Jr., city architect, and G. A. Applegarth. It was erected under the supervision of C. H. Sawyer, superintendent of construction, with P. E. Patterson as inspector.

Schools

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San Francisco teachers will be interested to hear that with the opening of this school year, the Teachers' Library is ready to extend its service to them by remaining open every evening from 7 until 9 o'clock.

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In Bulletin Number Two sent out to all schools on August 20, from the office of Superintendent Joseph Marr Gwinn, appears the following announcement to teachers:

"Attention is called to the new municipal magazine entitled 'The Municipal Employee.' Deliveries will be made to the school each month, and employees are urgently requested to procure a copy from the principal.

"It is our desire that this magazine should be of great interest to all and for this reason we ask that each school select a correspondent who will send to this office from time to time any news items, personal or otherwise, which may be of interest to the municipal organization as a whole. Address all such communications to the Office of the Superintendent, attention Mrs. H. Leaman."

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HONOR JAMES H. BARRY

THE Board of Supervisors at its meeting August 22 paid tribute to the late James H. Barry by adjourning out of respect to his memory. Mr. Barry was former editor and publisher of the San Francisco Star and was a national figure in Democratic politics. He was universally respected for his integrity and independence of character and was loved by all who knew him for his kindness and understanding. The resolution was presented by Supervisors Hayden, Shannon and Powers, and was unanimously adopted.

Death Figures Prove Women Good Drivers

By Jane Walsh

AFTER all that has been said about the way women drive automobiles and the self-assumed superiority of men in their operation it is interesting to study the official figures of Coroner T. B. W. Leland for the last fiscal year. They show that, out of 139 deaths caused during the year by automobile accidents, male drivers were involved in 118 and women drivers in only eight. In thirteen hit-and-run cases the sex of the driver was not established.

While men were responsible for most of the deaths, men were also the chief victims for, out of the 139 deaths, 109 were males, and only 30 females. Twenty-five children under 15 years of age were among the victims.

Pedestrians lost out heavily in the score, which shows 97 pedestrian deaths, 18 drivers, 18 passengers, two ride-stealers, and four occupants of other than motor vehicles.

An interesting conclusion of Dr. Leland from a study of facts shows that, in 57 cases out of the 139, the automobile driver was responsible for the accident, and in

47 cases the pedestrian. In 15 of the 25 child deaths the child itself was responsible. Four deaths were due to the carelessness of others, either pedestrians or motorists who were not involved in the accident; and two deaths were due to the carelessness of the passenger. In only three cases was death caused by defective equipment. The remaining eleven were attributed to a number of miscellaneous causes.

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Parks and Museums



SUPERINTENDENT JOHN McLAREN'S summer resort, namely, Golden Gate Park, has been visited by thousands of motorists from all over the United States and Canada this season as anyone can see by observing the number plates on cars parked or passing through this wonderful garden of a thousand acres.

Among the new projects and one of interest to those who like sports, is the construction of two new championship handball courts beside the present courts, south of the Steinhart Aquarium and west of the bear pits. The new buildings will be of concrete and tile and will conform with all the new rules of this game. It was hoped to have galleries for spectators, but this part of the plan may have to be abandoned because of a lack of funds.

J. Skinner, foreman of the park section surrounding the conservatory, recently completed replanting operations in the Arizona Garden, and also new stone stairways through this interesting desert reproduction. The Arizona Garden is located just east of the conservatory and lies on the terrace below the North Ridge Drive. Cacti, "red-hot-poker," aloes, yucca, century plants and many other desert varieties are growing here. Particularly interesting is the huge flower stalk of one of the century plants, which is now in bloom.

ONE of the most beautiful sights annually in the conservatory is the collection of tuberous begonias, which are now in full bloom. These wonderful hybrids are to be seen in every color imaginable—red, pink, yellow, salmon, white—with single and double flowers, a whole room full of them. The orchids are also beautiful.

Jared Burgett, engineer at the Golden Gate Park waterworks opposite Thirteenth avenue, Sunset, has an interesting decoration on the wall of his engine room. It is a landscape painting, 24 feet by 8½ feet, showing a bird's-eye view of the park. The waterworks building was put up in 1893. A new well is being added close by. Burgett has been with the Park Commission for twenty-nine years.

The two new tennis courts at the Carl G. Larsen Park have been put into use. They are paved with asphalt and are modern in every way. Larsen Park is in the Sunset District between Nineteenth and Twentieth avenues and between Ulloa and Wawona streets. The playground unit is between Ulloa and Vicente.

JULIUS GIROD, of Superintendent McLaren's office, serves a meal of grain to a flock of quail every day at 4:30 p. m., in front of the park lodge.

Max Foehr, foreman of the baseball section of the park, has completed the grading of the new bowling

green near the ladies' green, and has planted the grass seed. It will be some months before this can be used for play. Foehr also has a new botanical garden near this spot.

Grading has been finished for a new baseball ground at the Herbert Fleishhacker Playfield. This field will lie south of the present one. It will be ready for use in a few weeks.

The work of moving the boat houses is progressing at Aquatic Park. When this and other improvements are complete this will be one of the most enjoyable recreation centers in the city.

The new horseshoe courts in the Fulton and Stanyan street corner of Golden Gate Park are becoming increasingly popular. Even Gene Tunney finds this sport useful and interesting, and the San Francisco boys agree.

Three new tennis courts are being put in at Balboa Park, corner of Phelan and Jensen avenues. These courts will be modern in every respect, and will be ready in about sixty days, according to Park Superintendent McLaren.

Legion of Honor Palace

THROUGH the efforts of Herbert Fleishhacker, president of the Board of Trustees of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, and of Dr. Cornelia B. Sage Quinton, director, the \$3,000,000 Carl W. Hamilton collection of Italian Renaissance paintings and other art objects has been installed there for the next two months.

So precious are the things making up this collection, that Mr. Hamilton travels with them, packs and unpacks them, and even sleeps in one of the exhibits, a fifteenth century walnut bed in which he has cunningly fitted a modern mattress and deep springs.

This collection includes a number of Old Masters, for example, Boticelli's rare "Madonna and Child with an Angel and Saint John," and a portrait of Beatrice d'Este by Bernardino de Conti, and also examples of furniture, majolica vases, wrought iron work, and handsome velours which have kept their colors in spite of their age.

An excellent exhibition of modern art, principally composed of the works of well known American painters and sculptors, has been anonymously loaned to the Palace, and will be on view there during September and October. This superb collection occupies two of the largest galleries at the Palace and there is not an uninteresting object in it. It is composed of works of such men as Maurice Sterne, Walter Ufer, Eugene Speicher, Max Kuehne, F. Luis Mora, Fernando Amorsolo, Ferruccio Ferrazzi, Adolfo Wildt, and Arturo Dazzi, in addition to works by Austrian, Russian,

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One Down and One to Go

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10 to 9 testifies. In fact, it had to go an extra inning before the San Francisco team could come away.

BEFORE the first ball was thrown Jack Dempsey himself appeared as the star performer at a boxing bout. Jack didn't put on the gloves, but he refereed the battle, and perhaps for the first time in history a prize fight was held in which the referee took all the honors. Reference to the program shows that the fight was between one Tommy Carter of the Los Angeles engineers and a Los Angeles phenom whom Carter picked to fly the colors of San Francisco. The phenom was given the name of "Frisco" Miller for the occasion. "Frisco" proved an excellent comedian and had the crowd of 4,000 spectators laughing heartily at his antics before Dempsey awarded Carter the decision and retired from the scene.

Chief O'Shaughnessy and City Engineer John C. Shaw of Los Angeles did the honors by acting as the battery for the first pitched ball.

Clancy of San Francisco was the first man up and opened the game by slamming out a hit. He died on the bags, however, and the Angels got away to a good start when the first three men were given free passes. It began to look like a tough winter for the San Francisco lads, when a snappy double play and an out ended the inning with only one man across the plate. In the second frame Chief O'Shaughnessy's men placed three nice hits and brought in two men, taking a lead which they held until the fourth inning. Los Angeles tied the score in the fourth and edged into the lead in the fifth when Roy Burns tore off a home run.

Tomasich then replaced Dillon on the mound and by the eighth frame the score was 8 to 5 in favor of San Francisco. The Angels went on a batting rampage, however, and when the dust had cleared away they had brought in four runs for a one run lead. By this time the grandstand was in an uproar and the fans were getting ready to go home, confident that the Angels had the game all sewed up and put away.

THE San Francisco boys were up against a stone wall in what appeared to be their last try. However, with two outs, two men on the sacks, and the count three and two against the batter, a timely single brought in a lone run to tie the score.

Although Los Angeles used up its whole bag of tricks in the last of the ninth to force over a winning run, it was held hitless, and San Francisco went into the extra inning determined to do or die. Again, with two men down, a nicely placed hit brought in the needed tally. In the last half of the tenth the Angels came near tying the score again when they succeeded in getting a runner on third. Two men were out and the crowd was once more on its toes. Just at this moment Reid nailed a long fly to left field and brought the excitement to an abrupt close.

After the game the visitors were entertained at a barbecue where Dick Fitzgerald softened the blow with a humorous talk. The next morning the San Francisco

team was taken to Santa Monica for a swim in the briny and were later entertained at the exclusive Casa Del Mar Club. After that came a trip through Beverly Hills and Hollywood, where they were shown the homes of the movie stars.

Before San Francisco obtains possession of the cup this year it must win another victory over the Angels. It is planned to do this on October 8 when the two teams will meet again in this city at Recreation Park on Valencia street. Plans are already under way for this game. The visitors from the south will be given a welcome equal to that accorded the San Francisco team on its arrival in Los Angeles.

Following is the box score:

SAN FRANCISCO						LOS ANGELES					
	AB	R	H	O	A		AB	R	H	O	A
Clancy, ss..	5	1	1	1	3	Pearson, 3b..	5	2	1	2	1
Mooney, 2b.	5	3	3	3	5	Bapst, cf.....	5	2	4	1	0
Fidell, lf.....	5	2	2	3	0	Burns, ss.....	5	1	1	3	6
Manelli, cf.	6	1	2	7	0	Thompson, lf	6	0	1	3	0
Read, rf.....	3	2	3	0	0	Rosselle, 2b..	6	0	1	5	1
Pengle, 3b..	4	0	0	1	4	Cox, c.	5	1	1	6	2
Tom'h, p,1b	4	1	2	8	0	Holder, 1b....	5	0	1	9	0
B.Dillion, c.	1	0	1	3	1	Lohman, rf..	3	1	1	0	0
T.Dillion, p.	4	0	0	0	0	Butler, p.....	0	0	0	1	0
Amorasa, c.	3	0	0	4	0	xWolf 1	1	0	0	0	0
						Fromme, p....	0	0	0	0	0
						xxPatz 1	1	1	0	0	0
						Barry, p.....	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	43	10	13	31	13	Totals	43	9	12	30	10

x—Batted for Fromme in 8th.

xx—Batted for Lohman in 7th.

SCORE BY INNINGS

San Francisco.....	0	2	0	0	2	3	1	1	1	—10
Base hits	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	—13
Los Angeles	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	0	—9
Base hits	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	—12

SUMMARY

Errors—Mooney, Fidell, Manelli 2, Tomasich 2, T. Dillon, Pearson 2. Innings pitched, by Butler 5, by Fromme 2, by Barry 3. Credit victory to Tomasich. Charge defeat to Butler. Hit by pitched ball—Butler. Stolen bases—Manelli, Read. Home runs—Mooney, Tomasich, Burns. Three-base hit—Manelli. Two-base hits—Cox, Manelli. Sacrifice hits—Thompson, Holder. Double plays—Mooney to Clancy to Tomasich, 5. Time of game—2 hours. Umpires—O'Connor and Beck.

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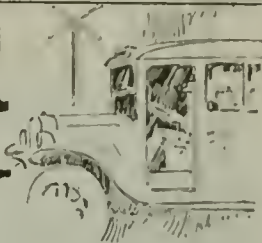
An important gift recently made to the California Palace of the Legion of Honor is a still life painting by Frank W. Benson, said to be one of his best efforts. The painting was presented by the National Academy of Design and is five feet wide and three feet nine inches deep. It has been hung in gallery six.

C. Melvin Nolan, the 19-year-old son of Captain George Nolan of the San Francisco Fire Department, was drowned last month at Capitola while swimming in the Capitola pool.

The Board of Supervisors has approved plans for the construction of an annex to the Paul Revere school at Folsom street and Tompkins avenue.



Municipal Railway



Edited by William H. Scott

PROBABLY no single factor has played so prominent a part in the phenomenal growth of San Francisco during the last ten years as the Municipal Railway.

Starting on December 28, 1912, with ten cars and fifteen miles of track, it has grown to a property valued at between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000, consisting of over 80 miles of track (including Sunset line under construction) and 224 cars, supplemented by 19 motor buses.

Fifteen years ago the Richmond District (now called the Park Presidio District) was a section of sand dunes, but with the advent of the Municipal Railway it immediately started developing. Today there is hardly a vacant lot in the district and it has an assessed valuation of about \$50,000,000.

This same progress has been made in the other sections where the Municipal Railway has pioneered.

The service furnished by the Municipal Railway is the best possible, at certain points during the rush hour running as short as a twenty second headway.

The Municipal Railway cars, designed by City Engineer O'Shaughnessy, are the finest obtainable. They are equipped with all safety appliances, and have proved to be very efficient in operation and economical to maintain.

The Municipal Railway track is all standard construction and is kept in a 90 per cent operating efficiency condition.

Bond Issue Proposals

At the general election in November the people of San Francisco will be given an opportunity of voting on a bond issue of \$4,600,000 to finance Municipal Railway extensions. At this writing the bond issue has been favorably passed upon by the supervisors.

The bond issue will provide funds for seven extensions, one bus line and other improvements as follows:

Marina line, extension of "F" line northerly along Divisadero street, at a cost of \$143,000.

Balboa street line, from Geary street south on Masonic avenue to Turk and thence west to Arguello boulevard, thence to Balboa street, and thence west to Thirty-third avenue, costing \$355,000.

Turk street line, from Turk and Market westerly to Masonic avenue, to be constructed after expiration of Market Street Railway Company franchise on Turk street in 1929, or earlier if satisfactory arrangements can be made. Cost estimated at \$411,000.

Sunset Parkside, a cross town line between Judah and Taraval streets, estimated cost, \$257,000.

Taraval street line, extension south from Taraval and Forty-sixth avenue to a loop terminal near Fleishacker pool; estimated cost, \$65,000.

Excelsior line, to operate through Bernal cut from present terminus of Church street line to vicinity of

Geneva avenue, estimated cost, \$617,000, including 10 additional cars.

Eureka Valley line, from Market and Castro, along Market to Eureka, thence south to Twenty-third street, thence over most feasible route to Diamond street near Twenty-ninth; estimated cost, \$1,085,000.

Potrero Bus line, from Twenty-third and Wisconsin to connect with Municipal street cars at Potrero avenue and Seventeenth street; estimated cost, \$28,500.

Sunset car barn near Judah street for use of thirty new cars to be operated upon the opening of the Duboce tunnel; estimated cost, \$400,000.

Car shop, next to Geary street car barn; estimated cost, \$270,000.

Bus garage, to house Municipal Railway buses now kept on the street at night; estimated cost, \$80,000.

Additional cars made necessary by growth of system and increase in business; estimated cost of 15 cars, \$288,000.

Automobile buses, needed for short lines and improvement of present services; estimated cost, \$66,500.

THE baseball team of the Municipal Railway chalked up a victory over the Letterman Hospital nine in its game of August 21, played on the hospital grounds. Hardin, on the mound for the platform men, allowed only two hits during the game, one in the first and one in the ninth inning. He fanned five men and allowed only one free pass to first. That the game was a fast one is evidenced by the fact that it took only an hour and a half to snap through the nine frames.

Before this appears the team will have met the Fontana Food Products nine at Funston field, where a game is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, August 28.

Following is the box score of the Letterman Hospital game:

Letterman Hospital					Municipal Railway				
	AB	R	H	E		AB	R	H	E
Quido, 3b . . .	4	1	0	1	Vickery, s. . .	4	0	1	1
Daniels, 2b . .	4	1	0	0	Robinson, 2b .	4	2	2	0
Hillis, 1b . . .	4	0	0	2	Wolcott, 1b . .	4	0	2	0
Costello, s. . .	4	0	1	1	Harris, lf. . . .	4	1	1	0
King, cf. . . .	4	0	0	0	Wilkerson, cf. .	3	0	1	0
Dowds, c . . .	4	0	1	0	Logan, rf. . . .	0	0	0	1
McHugh, lf . .	4	0	0	0	Hassler, rf. . .	3	1	2	1
Thomas, rf. . .	2	1	0	0	Denning, c. . .	4	0	1	1
Sullivan, p. . .	3	0	0	0	Prigmore, 3b .	4	0	1	0
	—	—	—	—	Hardin, p. . .	4	0	1	0
Totals . . .	33	3	2	4		—	—	—	—

Totals . . . 34 4 12 4
Letterman 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—3
Hits 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—2
Municipal Railway 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 *—4
Hits 0 2 2 3 1 0 2 2 *—12
Struck out—By Hardin 5, Sullivan 5. Bases on balls—Off Hardin 1. Hit by pitched ball—Wilkerson by Sullivan. Stolen base—Robinson. Two-base hit—Hassler. Sacrifice hit—Hassler. Double plays—Letterman 1, Municipal Railway 2. Time of game—1h. 30m. Umpire—Pleszewski.

Where do the Suicides Come From?

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occur in May and June. For six years there was a total of 68 in March, and 117 in June.

It would seem then, to judge from these facts, that an aged man, in the day laborer class, suffering from ill health and without funds, is most likely to commit suicide, and that he will choose gas as the method, and June as the month.

LET us look though at this statement with a critical eye. A sweeping generalization would mark "economic problem" on every item, rather than any emotional explanation.

In the first place, an aged man, unskilled, would be the first one laid off in the general shutting down of work during the summer. Ill health would be a contributing cause to his discharge and would make it impossible for him to migrate with the other representatives of floating labor into the agricultural pursuits. A sufficient number of rebuffs would convince him of the apparent hopelessness of getting work. Then sheer despondence, and a handy gas jet would complete the sad chapter. Naturally only a small number of similar cases will take the extreme step of self-destruction, so that, if one draws the conclusion obviously presented, the class above described would represent the largest group of misery laden humans.

IT is significant that in San Francisco so few women commit suicide, proportionately speaking. The ancient chivalry of pioneer days seems either to protect women, or to give them a sense of optimism as to society's attitude. Then again the occupations that fragile spirited women may pursue generally keep them closely within their own family groups, or at least within protection of relatives or friends. The man, on the other hand, seems rather driven out by economic pressure, and so becomes the unattached "floater" without kith or kin.

The matter of nationality is interesting. The Nordic peoples are fiercely individualistic. There is not the tribal interdependence that characterizes some of the other races. The Nordic male is more likely to become introspective, and to lack the ability to laugh easily at the day's troubles.

One might go on guessing at reasons for an indefinite period and yet miss the most important answers. Letters left by suicides offer a wide study in human suffering. Strangely enough, most escaping spirits try to leave a good impression behind them. The notes are generally indicative of consideration for other people. Provision is often made for the convenience or reward of those likely to be involved in the suicide. Sometimes quite elaborate presents are arranged, mostly for strangers, for friendlessness is too often a contributing cause.

An eager care that no one shall be blamed for the death is generally evident. Most women, and some men arrange their pitiful effects in an orderly manner to make the best appearance. Some feel their going to be a dramatic gesture, and put into their farewell notes a kind of tragic gallantry. It seems that it is not so much that they feel they are indifferent to life,

as that they believe no one else cares whether they live or die.

SUICIDE, among certain races, and at various times in history, has not been regarded as shameful. In England, however, until a century or so ago, a suicide's property was confiscated and he was buried at the cross roads, outside consecrated ground. In China it is still considered the most deadly of insults to die by one's own hand on an enemy's doorstep, though dying voluntarily is not considered important from an ethical standpoint. The Japanese hari-kari is a national custom, practiced by the aristocrats, "to die with honor when one can no longer live without dishonor."

The Romans and the Greeks gave their political enemies the right to die by their own hands rather than suffer the violence of a common executioner, as witness the hemlock of Socrates, and the jewelled daggers which the Roman emperors sent to their ex-favorites.

The retreat out of life has always been regarded as a sin by Christian philosophy. One might suffer death for a cause worthy of such sacrifice, but not by one's own hand. Today, depending on our religious beliefs or our national traditions, we look upon suicide with mingled horror and sadness, that life, so precious to ourselves, should have become untenable to any of our fellows.

But we must face this fact, those of us who feel a responsibility of citizenship.

For every suicide who finally destroys himself, there are hundreds, just as miserable, who lack the courage or the final cumulus of stimuli for the step into the blackness. It is with these hundreds that we must work, that their condition may be alleviated. Let the sensationalists concern themselves with the dangers of the younger generation, as expressed by a scattering handful here and there. It is not with their youth that we need concern ourselves, but with preparing them for their age and maturity.

The illiterate and the unskilled must be educated and given occupation suitable to their mental and physical capacities. The responsibility of children for their aged and dependent parents must be emphasized as well as the responsibility that the American parent manifests in marked degree for the child. Habits of thrift, of health, of orderly living must be inculcated. And, as a reasonable method of caring for men and women of low earning capacity when the peak years of their efficiency have been passed, some system of old age pension should be established. The tragic evidence offered by suicide letters and other sequellae of voluntary death should be made use of to try, in some wise, to determine the best way of eliminating the conditions that produce them.

RUSSELL WOLDEN HONORED

Assessor Russell L. Wolden was honored at the recent meeting of the California Association of County Assessors in Eureka when he was elected vice-president of the organization. The convention chose San Bernardino for its meeting place next year.

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Pedestrian traffic in the congested district will be under police control within a month as the result of the adoption by the supervisors last week of the traffic ordinance drawn up by the Traffic Survey Committee, of which Dr. Miller McClintock is the head.

Bond issue proposals totaling \$9,350,000 for the construction of highway outlets from San Francisco will be placed on the November ballot.

Muheim Passes the Buck



EMIL F. MUHEIM, of the city engineer's office, on a ranch up above Ukiah and the "Bozo Club" at the Maison Paul Grill in San Francisco, put on a very successful hunting expedition last month. Emil, better known to his friends as "Dutch," did the actual hunting and the "Bozo Club" did the grunting.

"Dutch" hasn't missed the opening of the deer season for nigh on to twenty years. For the last fifteen he has come home each year with the limit. On August 1 he was one of twenty-eight Nimrods on a ranch near Ukiah awaiting the zero hour. On the first day they spread all over the hills and came back at night-fall empty handed.

On the fourth day, however, "Dutch" bagged his limit of two, both two pointers, and soon had them on the way to San Francisco. One went to the boys of the city engineer's office, where it was dissected and distributed for home consumption. The second, according to custom, went to the "Bozo Club" which gathered, thirty-five strong, at the Maison Paul Grill on the night of August 11, where the two pointer was served in every conceivable style.

George Purser of the Playground Commission, acted as toastmaster, with Dick Fitzgerald of the Board of Works, as chief aide. The engineers' baseball team, fresh from its victory in Los Angeles, was present and did justice to the spread. Caesar Manelli, captain of the team, told the guests about the victory after they had finished off the two pointer. Commissioner Fred Meyer of the Board of Works was there and is reported to have exercised his singing voice to good advantage.

The "Bozo Club" is an informal organization which meets frequently during the deer and duck seasons.

TAX RATE FIXED

San Francisco's tax rate for the present fiscal year will be \$3.66 on each \$100 valuation. The rate is the same as last year and was fixed at the meeting of the board August 29.

A resolution placing before the people in November a proposal to build the proposed bridge across San Francisco bay, under public ownership proceedings, was adopted by the supervisors at their meeting August 29.

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Mayor Rolph Honored In Birthday Fete

FOR a lot of people the morning of August 23 dawned just like a lot of others, both before and after, but for the mayor's office it came with a snap and a promise of excitement. It was the mayor's fifty-eighth birthday anniversary. The staff has seen sixteen such anniversaries since Mayor Rolph took office and it knew in a measure what to expect.

Soon the strains of music wafted across the Civic Center from the direction of the library building and the band of the Police Department, augmented by that of the Musicians' Union, marched across the square to the tune of "Smiles."

The mayor in a Palm Beach suit enjoyed the serenade from the balcony of the City Hall and then invited the serenaders within. Led by Philip Sapiro, leader of the Municipal Band, they marched into the rotunda and presented His Honor with a basket of flowers. The mayor is an honorary member of the union and therefore had legal right to take up the baton and lead the combined bands in a second rendition of "Smiles," his favorite air.

Albert Greenbaum, secretary of the union, complimented him on the occasion, and the assemblage was invited up to the mayor's office where Bill Lindecker of the Police Department band, rendered a cornet solo.

Throughout the day scores of the mayor's friends called to pay their respects and the city's florists were busy sending up floral pieces.

In the evening the mayor made a talk over KPO, addressed particularly to Hon. George L. Baker of Portland, Oregon, whose birthday occurred on the same day. Later in the evening Mayor Baker answered over KGW.

Of Interest to Women

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of his work, well presented. "Fata Morgana." by Ernest Vadja, translated from the Hungarian, will be the second offering.

The new policy of bringing a principal or so from professional ranks, is a pleasant one, and will give the earnest amateurs a remarkable opportunity for comparisons. Reginald Travers will direct the productions.

Most of the New York successes of last season will find their way to the coast this winter, and we can form our own opinions of what Broadway approves.

FASHION, that merry lady, is trying to deck herself in the habiliments of winter, with summer just upon us. Velvet is blooming in the shop windows, and it is lovely stuff. It seems to be everywhere, in sport clothes and afternoon frocks, and in the evening gowns that seem its especial metier. Intricacy of design without a disturbance of the silhouette seems the keynote of most of the modern dresses, and many of the costumes look as though they had been designed by a cubist artist. They are refreshing though, and quite in the modern pattern.



Employees Retirement System

ACCUMULATED contributions standing to the credit of members of the San Francisco City Employees' Retirement System on June 30, 1927, totaled \$2,049,939, according to statements issued by the Board of Administration.

Individual statements are being distributed through the various offices and departments rather than by mail, according to announcement of the board. Members who have not received statements should first take the matter up with the head of the office or department in which they are employed. If the statements cannot be found they should then apply at the office of the Retirement System where a duplicate will be supplied.

Following is a statement of the retirements and payments during July:

Retired for Service

Board of Education: Katherine M. Ball, supervisor of drawing; Clara L. Finnegan, teacher; Cora Glidden, teacher; Nora B. Hanley, teacher; Margaret C. Kelly, teacher; Rose Luis, teacher; Edith H. Lyon, principal; Sarah F. Mount, teacher; Anna C. Timmins, teacher.

Park Commission: James Millar, animal keeper.

Board of Public Works: Building repair, John A. Bloom, carpenter.

Board of Supervisors: Haven A. Mason, bond and ordinance clerk.

Retired for Disability

Board of Education: Edna Cadwalader, teacher; Nellie Gallagher, principal.

Board of Health, Central Office: Louis P. Monaco, experienced clerk.

Death Claims Paid

Board of Education: Violet V. Buttner, teacher, \$976.83; Moses A. Ephraim, janitor, \$1,361.69.

Board of Health, San Francisco Hospital: Thomas E. Gill, cook, \$1,698.70; Otto J. Meltzer, porter, \$661.41.

Playground Commission: Raeburn Doughty, director, \$672.54.

Board of Public Works, Building Repair: Wilmot C. Blake, painter, \$1,969.83; Municipal Railway, Clarence J. Milnor, motorman, \$1,486.36; David J. Murphy, motorman, \$1,490.33; John G. Quigley, blacksmith's helper, \$1,429.75.

Total amount of death claims paid during July, 1927, \$11,747.44.

Retirement allowances paid to retired members during July, 1927, \$24,573.75.

Accumulated contributions returned to members leaving city service during July, 1927 (including refunds resulting from Wm. H. Nicholl case), \$24,328.84.

Total payments to beneficiaries, retired members and ex-members, \$60,650.03.

San Francisco City Employees' Retirement System.

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The Carmen's Union

By Edward D. Vandeleur

THE annual ball of the Municipal Railway Carmen will be held October 8 at Scottish Rite Auditorium, Van Ness avenue and Sutter streets, and all the members of the union are busy preparing for the big event.

Brothers Ring and Robinson have been out soliciting

advertisements for the program and have been selling tickets. They report a growing interest in the ball this year and see the promise that it will be the most successful yet held.

Dan Hanley, financial secretary of the union, was taken to St. Francis hospital Aug. 23 for an operation on his stomach. His associates wish him an early recovery and hope that he will soon be back on the platform.

J. Montgomery has returned home from St. Luke's hospital, where he went thru



Photo by Bushnell

an operation which will keep him off duty for some time.

W. Daly spent a few weeks at Calistoga mud baths and is greatly improved.

Brother D. Riordan is back at work after an illness of several weeks.

Brother G. Makin is reported on the sick list, but gossip at the Potrero car house says he has slipped out of town to get married.

D. Webb is still on the sick list, but is expected back at work soon.

Brother R. Minkel is expected to be passing around the cigars to celebrate the fact that he recently became a proud father.

G. W. Miller is reported on the sick list at this writing but is expected back at work soon.

J. B. Gonner is visiting his parents in Europe and will be away for several months.

Jack Sheehy is on a trip to Seattle, where he is visiting his sister.

C. J. McAuliffe has returned home from St. Mary's hospital greatly improved.

J. J. Sullivan, starter at the Ferry, is again on the sick list. Brother Sullivan has been having more than his share of hard luck, and has the wishes of his associates for a speedy return to duty.

Brother Pat Kenny, one of the oldest platform men with the Municipal railway, is off the sick list.

Brother E. McKeon was recently relieved from duty on account of sickness incurred during his run.

George Benker has returned to work after an illness of several weeks, while Brother F. J. Wheeler is reported ill.



Board of Public Works

W. J. Fitzgerald, secretary of the Board of Works, has taken a three months' leave of absence to help manage the campaign for re-election of Mayor Rolph.

The Board of Works has started proceedings to pave Roosevelt boulevard at an estimated cost of \$78,000.

Nash Baker of the street department is back at work after sixty days spent in the hospital with a couple of fractured ribs.

A. D. Felis of the street repair department also was away for sixty days with a broken collar bone.

"Fat" Hamilton spent two weeks up at Tassajaro Hot Springs.

Danny Murphy, the Beau Brummel of the office, is reported to have spent his vacation around Huntington Falls.

The Clerk's Office

The many friends of Sam Conlan, secretary to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, were grieved to hear of the death, on August 19, of his 17-year-old daughter Eleanor. Members of the office staff extend to him their sincere condolence in his bereavement.

Miss Mary A. Commerford, filing clerk of the board, spent her vacation at Lake Tahoe.

Miss Kathryn G. Sullivan, stenographer of the board, went to Southern California for her annual outing.

The Supervisors

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To provide the mayor's contingency fund.

To provide for aid for indigent and exempt firemen.

To maintain the bureau of supplies.

To prescribe a uniform system of accounting for the various offices and departments.

To provide for the establishment of a City Planning Commission.

To provide for the maintenance of the Steinhart Aquarium.

San Francisco will be represented at the State Fair in Sacramento this year, following the appropriation by the supervisors of \$2,000 to pay the cost of preparing and maintaining an exhibit.

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Noted Artists to Appear In "Pop" Concerts Here

THE Auditorium committee of the Board of Supervisors announces that the sale of season seats for the 1927-28 series of municipal popular concerts in Civic Auditorium will start on September 1 at the Kearny street establishment of Sherman Clay & Co.

The series arranged by Supervisors Franck R. Havener, Warren Shannon and Milton Marks of the committee with the cooperation of Conductor Alfred Hertz of the San Francisco Symphony orchestra, is the most elaborate in the history of municipal music. The Symphony series will have as its guest artists the best talent procurable in this country and Europe, and these will be no increase in the popular scale of prices in effect during past years.

Alexander Brailowsky, noted Russian pianist, will be the first attraction of the season on November 1. Conductor Hertz has announced that an exceptionally popular program will be prepared for the opening of the series. Other great artists who have been engaged for the city "pop" series are: Georges Enesco, violinist; Gigli, the sensational tenor of the Metropolitan Grand Opera Company; Harold Bauer, the pianist; and Yeudi Menuhin, the phenomenal boy violinist of San Francisco, who is already internationally known.

San Francisco's series of municipal popular concerts has been an annual event for a half dozen years, and has attracted thousands of music-lovers in the bay region through the high quality of its programs, and its exceptionally popular scale of prices. Seats are sold at from \$1.00 to \$4.00 for the entire season of five great concerts.

Following is the Auditorium program for September:
September 1 to 3—Dahlia Show, Larkin Hall.
September 5—Labor Day celebration.
September 6—Marian Talley, concert.
September 10—Islam Temple show.
September 12—National Exchange Club convention.
September 13 to 30—Opera season.

MEMORIAL GROVE CHOSEN

Superintendent John McLaren and a committee of women, headed by Mrs. Lucretia I. Henkel, have picked a site for the Memorial Grove to be dedicated to mothers of sons and daughters of American wars from 1775 to 1918. The site lies between Lincoln Way and the south drive of Golden Gate Park, and alongside the park drive from Twenty-fifth avenue and Lincoln Way. A tree supplied by the governor of each state in the Union will be planted. The dedication will probably be held the last week in September.

A MULTI-COLORED BIRD

Pat Meehan, in charge of the aviary in Golden Gate Park, is as proud as one of the peacocks that strut about his bailiwick. The occasion is the new winter plumage of the orange-colored weaver, one of the birds occupying a glass cage at the aviary. This weaver has a black bill, orange colored head and back, and a coal black breast and tail. He is as beautiful as any bird can be. His summer coat, strange to say, is much less brilliant.

Beer Ration Envied by Relief Home Head

AFTER touring most of Europe, Charles M. Wollenberg, superintendent of the San Francisco Relief Home, is back convinced that his institution is the finest in the world. Dr. Wollenberg spent six months in Europe and Northern Africa.

"The only almshouse in the world that has anything on ours," he said, "is the one at Winchester, England. An inspired patriot who died 100 years ago, left an endowment and a will providing that every inmate get a big schooner of beer every day. He also provided that a schooner be given every weary wayfarer. As a weary wayfarer I visited the almshouse and received my ration.

"Inmates of our relief home are better housed and better fed than the indigent of any other home I visited. Some of them are operated for less money because of lower labor costs, and one at Lintz, near Vienna, has more inmates, a total of 5,000. The San Francisco Relief Home has 1,600."

Wollenberg was accompanied by his wife and his son, Harold, 21 years, a student at the University of California. The party visited Northern Africa, Turkey, the Holy Land, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Holland and England.

On his arrival in San Francisco Wollenberg went directly to the Relief Home to inspect it. He pronounced it in excellent condition.

Making Tomorrow's Aces

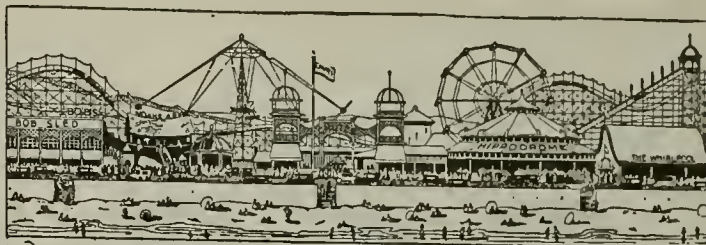
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Recreation League of America. The competitors will be local winners in all the cities that have followed San Francisco's example in organizing the Lindy League.

THE prize list is not yet ready for announcement. It will include offerings by private citizens, newspapers, the aeronautical society, airplane companies, and some of the big stores.

Throughout the city's playgrounds the directors were plunged into intensive study of the fine technicalities of airplane construction. This is a craft in which they have not been expected to be proficient. But the children, eager to get forward with the contest, turned to the directors in complete confidence that they would know all the fine points. And the directors had to make good with the children.

The enthusiasm with which the children went into the project was demonstrated when, one afternoon when the Board of Supervisors was in session, a body of several hundred youngsters, organized into a self starting committee of invitation, descended on the City Hall to ask the Mayor to become a member of the Lindy League. Being told that the Mayor was presiding at the Supervisors' meeting, the children promptly invaded the Supervisors' auditorium and made their wishes known. Mr. Rolph, while confessing that he could not qualify under the 17-year age limit, nor as an expert plane builder, nevertheless enrolled as an honorary member and his example was followed by the Supervisors.



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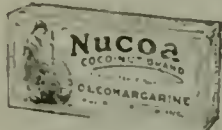
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The Fire Department Navy

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Whenever need exists, the fire boats reinforce the city's auxiliary high pressure system by delivering salt water from the Bay in heavy volume and at high pressure into the distributing pipes of this system. They accomplish this through the medium of any of the three fire boat manifolds of the system installed along the waterfront at the east side of the Embarcadero at the following locations: One opposite the east end of Washington street, one at the north end of Powell street, and the other at the north end of Leavenworth street. Each of these manifolds has ten 3½-inch inlets to which an equal number of 3½-inch hose lines may be connected from either of the fire boats. With both boats working each at a separate manifold, salt water in great volume can be delivered into the high pressure mains. The delivery would, of course, vary with the pressure against which the boats' pumps were required to operate. The maximum pressure exerted by the water in the high pressure mains is, statically 329 pounds per square inch. Against this pressure each boat is capable of delivering 4300 gallons per minute. Against a 100-pound head the pump capacity of each boat is 15,000 gallons per minute. Thus, possessing the power to force water in such considerable volume to the highest point of the auxiliary high pressure system—water level of the Twin Peaks Reservoir, 758 feet above city base, they can also replenish the water demands on that system occasioned by a conflagration or of a number of smaller fires burning simultaneously.

For combating large fires in the commercial, manufacturing, mill and lumber districts, numerous fire boat hose lines of large diameter delivering streams of great extinguishing effect are available to such districts although lying at considerable distances from the waterfront.

Vessels exposed to waterfront fires are removed to safety by these boats. Burning vessels endangering adjacent shipping, piers or wharves, or vessels on fire with explosives aboard, are towed to isolated positions, with fire streams from the boats continually playing on them.

The United States Army Post and Quarantine Station on Angel Island, the Disciplinary Barracks and Army Post on Alcatraz Island, and the Naval Training Station on Yerba Buena Island, provided as they are with insufficient fire protective apparatus, would, in the event of a serious sweeping fire occurring at any one of them, find the control of such a fire hopeless but for a prompt response by San Francisco's powerful fire tugs.

RAISING MILLIONS OF PLANTS

Peter Rock, who has charge of the nursery in Golden Gate Park, has recently taken an inventory of shrubs and trees in the nursery. While the total has not been figured out, it will run into the millions, for it is from this source that the stock comes for all of the City Parks. Rock is busy now preparing for the fall replanting season.

Charting the Traffic Sea

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safety zones, and more accurate alignment of traffic.

A system of control has been designed for Market street which necessitates the use of three-light electric signals. The existing type of signal is recommended to be applied as a part of a carefully worked out plan for pedestrian control on Market street. Engineering charts are shown which give the exact location, and complete details for all signal installations on Market street, including timing, angles of traffic indication, and other important specifications; and emphasis is laid upon the necessity for following these specifications without variation, on account of the extremely complex traffic movements at Market street intersections.

The proposed ordinance and the system recommended contemplate control of pedestrian movements in the central business district by means of "Stop" and "Go" signals and other devices to the same extent that vehicular traffic is controlled. By this means pedestrians will be given greatly needed protection from vehicular traffic at crowded intersections in the central portion of the city. Freedom of pedestrian movement will be improved, hazards to pedestrians from traffic accidents will be reduced, and vehicular traffic streams will move with much greater smoothness, and the over-all speed of traffic in congested districts will be increased. Pedestrian control has worked out successfully elsewhere, and the system, when properly introduced, grows in popularity as the people become educated to its advantages.

Enforcement of Law

McClintock recommends that the present force of some ninety-eight traffic police be increased immediately to one hundred and twenty-five. He also states that the jurisdiction of the traffic division should be made city-wide, and that the commander of the division should exercise control over all traffic operations of the police throughout the city. For the purpose of such control, a special motorized Traffic Patrol is recommended.

A more systematic enforcement of penalties against traffic violations is recommended, through the establishment of a Traffic Fines Bureau, as a substitute for the present method of citations for appearance at traffic police headquarters. All minor violators should be required to appear at the proposed bureau and pay penalties subject to a schedule of fines to be established by the judges of the Police Court. Records should be kept in order that persistent violators may be classified and more severely penalized. The system recommended provides that repeated or more serious violations be given thorough consideration by the Police Court.

Engineering Studies

Stress is laid upon the necessity for continuous studies of all traffic conditions and all other conditions affecting the safe and orderly use of the public streets. The report points out the need for competent supervision over the location, erection, and maintenance of all physical control devices required by the ordinance, or as found advisable according to the principles and methods set forth at length in the various chapters. Recommendation is made for the establishment of a Division of Street Traffic Engineering in a suitable department of the city government, and for the appointment of a City Traffic Engineer.

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Parks and Museums

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Bohemian, Jugo-Slavian and other artists, Italian and American, both North and South.

The great Tapestry Court will be adorned for the next few weeks with six of the rarest of old Flemish Renaissance tapestries, dating from the first half of the sixteenth century. This is known as the "Moses and Aaron Series." It was loaned by Mitchell Samuels of P. W. French and Company of New York City.

Major W. W. Quinton, curator of the Palace, and Mrs. Quinton, the director, have returned from their vacation spent in a motoring trip to Lake Tahoe, the Monte Vista Inn at Dutch Flat, and other points.

Miss Roma Kline of the office staff spent her vacation in the Sierras at Dutch Flat.

The De Young Museum

CURATOR GEORGE H. BARRON and his staff have completed the exacting work of reclassifying and rearranging the exhibits in the numismatic gallery of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park, and this fine collection of about 7,000 coins, medals, tokens, and currency of ancient, medieval, and modern times is now attracting a great deal of attention.

Three exquisite costumes of heavy silk, trimmed with satin, malines, ruching, and lace, and displaying the styles of 1872 and 1876, have been placed on exhibition through the courtesy of Mrs. Philip Heald. One of the costumes is the wedding dress of Mrs. Heald's mother, and the other two were worn by her mother and grandmother, respectively, on another wedding occasion. All were made for the wearers by Bon Marche in Paris.

The de Young Museum's collections of Japanese netsukis, Japanese and other ivories, and rock crystals have been placed in the galleries on either side of the main entrance, thus relieving the congestion in the Oriental and jewelry galleries and at the same time making a fine display of these art objects.

The September schedule of lectures in the museum includes talks by Miss Helen Gordon Barker on September 4 in the Egyptian gallery, on the 14th and 18th in the Ceramics galleries, and on the 28th in the gallery displaying the jades and Chinese sepulcher pieces. Louis C. Towne will talk on the 7th and 11th in the gallery of musical instruments, and on the 21st and 25th in the Nautical gallery. The lectures are given every Sunday at 4 o'clock and every Wednesday at 2 p. m.

Miss Elizabeth E. Holmes, assistant curator of the museum, spent a very delightful vacation in Yosemite Valley in company with Mrs. M. Earl Cummings, wife of Professor Cummings, the sculptor, and member of the Art Department of the University of California.

Miss Genevieve Kerwin of the de Young Museum staff, has returned from a vacation trip to the Russian River country.

Vacation at the Park

VACATION time has come—and gone—for many of the Park employees; all of them had enjoyable times and some went on long trips by automobile or otherwise.

Capt. B. P. Lamb, secretary of the Park Commission, is now away on perhaps the longest trip of any of the

people in this department. He expects to attend the convention of the American Legion in Paris and will be gone for two months under the special dispensation for veterans. On his way over he will visit Chicago, Milwaukee, New York, and other cities, and will get the latest information and ideas with regard to parks and playgrounds. Besides Paris, he will visit other principal cities of Europe for the same purpose. Captain Lamb's itinerary will include Berlin, Vienna, Nice, Rome, Naples, Pompeii, Herculaneum, and other cities. In addition to information relative to parks and playgrounds, he expects to study the latest engineering and other aspects of harbor development. This, he hopes, will prove helpful in the work at Yacht Harbor and Aquatic Park in San Francisco. Captain Lamb will travel largely by airplane while in Europe, in order to cover the territory in the time at his disposal.

Bob Owens, foreman of the section of Golden Gate Park including the de Young Museum, recently returned from an enjoyable vacation spent at Adams Springs in Lake county.

Larry Marx, who has charge of the conservatory in Golden Gate Park, has returned from a fishing trip to the Klamath River country. He was accompanied by Mrs. Marx.

Paul Bohm, foreman in charge of the district about the Water Works in Golden Gate Park, spent his vacation on a motoring trip, which included Portland, the Columbia River highway, Vancouver, and many other points in the Pacific Northwest. Mrs. Bohm was also in the party.

Erick Walther, gardener and botanist at the nursery in Golden Gate Park, is spending his vacation in Southern California.

Ed. Smith, wife and son, have returned from a long motoring trip in which they covered eight states and 3850 miles, going as far east as Utah and as far north as Spokane. Smith is the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles for the Park.

Miss Ruth Concannon of the Park Commission's office has returned from an enjoyable vacation.

F. L. Slattery, foreman of the section of Golden Gate Park between the Transverse Road and 41st Avenue, has returned from a trip of two weeks to Howard Springs, Lake County.

Gus Reimers, foreman of the Old Stadium in Golden Gate Park, is spending his vacation in Yosemite.

Mrs. W. V. Belding, and Walter Belding, wife and son of the Superintendent of the Children's Playgrounds and of Restaurant Activities for the Park Commission, have returned from a pleasant outing in Southern California.

J. Skinner, foreman of the park around the conservatory and children's playground, is away on his vacation, and during his absence his work is being done by J. J. Campbell, who is doubling up on his duties.

A FRIEND OF ANIMALS

Everett Ohnimus, manager of the boat house at Stow Lake, in Golden Gate Park, has made friends with two gray tree squirrels, who scamper out in front of the boat landing to be fed every morning. He also has a flock of quail that insist on having some grain every so often. Ohnimus inherits his love of animals from his father, Louis, who accompanied Ernest Thompson Seton, the well-known naturalist, on many of his expeditions.



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Charlie O'Connor entertained some of the boys over the week-end at his home on the Russian River. Among those to enjoy his hospitality were Wm. Sicotte, Frank R. Smith, George J. Black and Geo. T. McGinniss. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Rudolph Albora and family have returned to their city home after spending the summer months in Mar-velous Marin. Rudy had to get back so the "kiddies" could go to school.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

By I. A. Richardson

TREASURER JOHN H. THIELER last month con-summated the sale of \$1,000,000 of school bonds and \$2,000,000 of Hetch Hetchy bonds on which he received a premium and interest amounting to \$264,755.

During the month Mr. Thieler also paid the second installment due the Youdall Construction Company on the new Duboce-Sunset tunnel, amounting to \$91,000.

T. K. McCarthy, known as "Genial Tom" is back at his desk after a two week's flying trip to Chicago and Milwaukee with the Grand Lodge of the Eagles.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

By J. Everett Sharp

THE editor of this department appeals for consid-eration if this column proves lacking in interest. Filling the position of bail bond deputy does not indi-cate the totality of his labor. He acts also as impres-sario for the municipality and his connection with the symphony concerts and temperamental artists has stirred a pronounced unrest in his supersensitive nature. At this writing he has just returned from a brief vacation in the Hetch Hetchy where he never thought of saying "Dam" because the real thing was so big.

Everybody transacting business with the auditor's department is in a measure acquainted with Jack Lewis, the semi-official paymaster for the city, but just because they see him hiking down Market street they must not assume he has quit lunching at Ma-tilda's. He says the difficulty is not in getting one's feet under Matilda's table, but in being able to get them out again.

There's steady-going Horace L. Crocker, the tax re-demption deputy. He is known pretty generally as one of the best posted men on state laws relating to tax redemptions and penalties and his opinion is widely sought. Maybe it's brain-fag that takes him to the country. In any event, he will be off on his vacation soon to gain strength to add a few more dollars to the municipal revenues when he returns.

A casual visitor this last week remarked "What's all this clock business I hear about the auditor's office?" When asked how he got that way, he replied, "Why, in several departments of the hall I overheard instruc-tions to go into the auditor's office and see Big Ben." Of course "Big Ben" is not of the time-piece stock.

The term attaches to big, good-natured and highly efficient Ben Wentworth, who presides over the book-keeping department.

Miss Florence Jordan is another who yielded to the inner urge and took an extended vacation. Her journeyings took her to New York, her mother and three sisters making up the party. They visited the leading eastern points of interest, including Quebec and Niagara Falls. She declares there is only one side to the falls and they spell that with a U. S.

Since Al Glidden, the Adonisian bond expert, invested his hard-earned shekels in a snappy roadster it looks as though it might not be long before other bonds than those purely municipal might hold him. He has long been regarded as impervious to the wiles of women, but his record of pinches on the highway seems to indicate an intense eagerness to get there.

In natatorial circles, when one speaks of swimming he thinks of Ingwersen. That's because Chief Clerk Henry Ingwersen is the prime director of aquatic stunts, not alone at Sutro Baths and Fleishhacker pool, but at Santa Cruz, Venice and practically every California resort possessed of a beach. It is only because he is a veritable dynamo for work that he is able to discharge the duties of his position as Chief Clerk and attend to the outside matters without losing his poise.

It is no uncommon occurrence to see a group of bathing beauties making appeal for proper recognition and placement in a swimming tournament, and one can frequently overhear him at the phone reading the riot act to some one who has failed to observe the requirements. Habit is a thing so readily acquired that it explains Henry's practice of swinging his arms about in an overhead stroke or true Australian crawl when he is telling Expert Cyril Williams why there isn't money enough in a certain fund to accommodate the wishes of the supervisors.

Henry is credited with having one of the finest collections of active carnivorous taenioglossate gastropods which he has gathered from his pedal extremities after wading at the beach.

Just now he is specially active in promoting the Far Western Swimming Championship at the Fleishhacker Pool, September 4th and 5th, carried on under the auspices of the Pacific Association of Amateur Athletic Unions.

Auditor Thomas F. Boyle is in something of a quandary over the increase of duties in his department incident to the adoption of the twice-a-month pay plan. He made no provision in his budget estimate for an increase of force and, as a result, has been compelled to impose extra work on his chief deputy. The number of pay warrants to which a written signature must be attached is in excess of ten thousand and it may be seen that doubling this means a considerable increase in labor. Nearly every deputy in the office has to be called on to assist in the issuance of pay checks when the big force of policemen, firemen, teachers and the per diem men are on hand.

OBSERVE ADMISSION DAY

The City of San Francisco will be represented at the Admission Day celebration to be held this year at Santa Cruz on September 9, 10 and 11. An elaborate float has been ordered entered in the big parade, accompanied by the Municipal Band and a detail of San Francisco policemen and firemen.



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Clorox is an efficient household disinfectant. It is invaluable in preventing ordinary stoppages in drain-pipes because its regular use aids in keeping these outlets clear. Garbage cans are also deodorized and made sanitary by its use. With Clorox the refrigerator can be kept sweet and clean, for odors and bacteria are destroyed by its use and enameled parts made spotless. All sickroom equipment can be sterilized with Clorox and the characteristic odors of disease are destroyed by its use. Bed linen, towels, and clothing are made sanitary by using Clorox in their laundering.

On wash day Clorox aids in lessening the work without upsetting the regular method of household laundering. By bleaching the clothes without the need of boiling, it lifts a great burden from the home laundress. Whether or not a washing machine is used, Clorox gives added efficiency on wash day. For baby's laundry, Clorox is a great labor saver because it removes all ordinary stains and makes the clothes sanitary as well.

The ever-present problem of keeping wood drain-boards white is solved by Clorox which bleaches the wood quickly and with no effort on the part of the housewife. Reed and wicker furniture that has become darkened and sunburned by use on the porch or lawn can be made to look like new with Clorox. It also bleaches hardwood and unpainted softwood floors without the scrubbing which is otherwise necessary.

Enameled utensils, china dishes, tea and coffee pots, and white-lined baking ware are also freed from stains and discolorations by the use of Clorox. To keep the bathroom sanitary and spotless, Clorox is of the greatest assistance. By mixing Clorox in water with which linoleum and painted woodwork are cleansed, they are made unusually clear and bright.

The countless uses of Clorox in the home have caused many women to say, "Oh, I couldn't keep house without Clorox."

On Their Way To Paris.

Mary M. Leonard, supervising field nurse, John J. Burke, food inspector, Raymond G. Merrill, market inspector, and Genevieve Dyer, tenement house inspector, all employees of the Board of Health, have been given special leaves of absence with pay to attend the American Legion convention in Paris.

The Fire Department

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Captain Linderberg of Engine 25 suggests the use of rubber bumpers on switch engines. Is it that bad over there, Ed?

The boys of Engine 39 were a bit disappointed when their Captain failed to bring back a deer with him after a short hunt up around Skaggs. Looks as if they forgot to rope one, Duke.

Captain Kenny of Engine 42 claims that Engine 18 may be a rival but it will have to go some to take any fires away from his company. Don't forget they can drop down on you, Tom.

Greenfield of Engine 37 is preparing for the big swim at Lake Ontario. Guess George Young will take a back seat now.

Captain Walsh and Operator Coughlin of Engine 38 are back on the job after spending a pleasant vacation at Ben Lomond. They say the Captain's machine had to be towed considerable.

Lieutenant Wilson of Engine 36 is highly elated over the fact that he won the yodeling contest at the Vets picnic. Keep up the good work, Bill, and let us hear more of you.

Lieutenant Murphy of Engine 43 has decided to wait until Ford turns out his new car before purchasing. That is what we call stringing along with Henry.

Guess it's safe to put the sugar out now in Engine 40 since Anderson left. Looks as if they are all wise to you, Charlie.

Lieutenant Maguire of Engine 41 never saw so many hills until he settled in the Leavenworth Street House.

Moll of Engine 32 has given all the late car models the once over and is leaning toward a Fallen Arch Eight. That's the spirit, Jake, pick the best while you're about it.

Lieutenant Van Dervort has been seen looking at Parkside Real Estate. Guess you better look at a new car, Red, as that heap will be passe out there.

Shaylor of Engine 34 and Gaffey of Engine 13 have been passed as relief operators. Good luck to you, boys.

Kyne of Engine 33 is wondering if the boys on the detail to Twin Peaks tank go in swimming.

McLaughlin of Engine 7 has a hard time hearing those wedding bells. What is it, Mac, the high cost of living or the loss of liberty?

Captain Rocca of the Drill School is back on the job after spending a pleasant vacation on the Russian River. It's rumored that he visited the blacksmith shop at Occidental occasionally.

Woods of Truck 3 who recently graduated from the Mohler Barber College, is making good, according to his first victim, Frank O'Brien. Hope ears will not be trumps.

While on a deer hunt in Lake County during the past month, Brarens of Truck 6 and Vivian of Engine 39 shot what they thought was a white deer. It turned out to be a costly shot as they had to pay the farmer \$10 for one of his sheep. Better visit the optical company, boys.

Hayes of Chemical 4 also sported a pair of golf knickers while on his vacation at onte Rio.

Shaughnessy of Truck 7 is preparing for his vacation which will take him to Banff. Some class to the old Steamboat.

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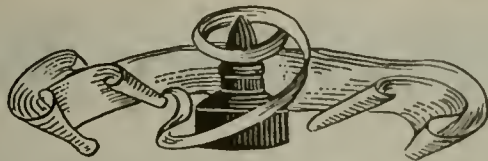
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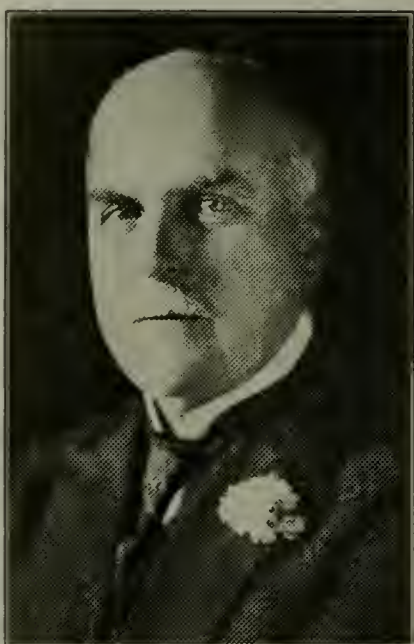
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October 1927

WITH the advent of Lindbergh and the sincerity of that modest youth's appeal on behalf of commercial aviation, public attention has inevitably been turned from the spectacular to the practical in aeronautics. His visit to San Francisco came at the psychological time when the public reaction against trans-oceanic flying was most marked.

Starting with the multiple tragedies of the Dole race, which pulled so terribly at the heart-strings of San Franciscans, there followed disaster upon disaster in attempted Atlantic flights, until at last the public mind felt it could bear no more. It is turning eagerly now to the more useful, if seemingly less spectacular phases of flying.

Lindbergh's voice, in his address from the City

Hall in the afternoon, and in his talk at the banquet, probably reached two million persons. Nearly 200,000 were grouped around the Civic Center in the afternoon. On both occasions the radio carried his message over thousands of miles.

All of these millions, if they did not realize it before, now know something of the importance of airports, and they know something of the foresightedness of San Francisco in providing one so excellent as that at Mills Field. San Franciscans glowed with pride when Lindy landed upon it, and they glowed still more when, at his banquet address, he declared it "ranked with the best in America."

In this respect Lindy is merely telling the world something which other famous aviators have said several times since the field was finished. Among these is our own citizen, George Noville, who flew over the North Pole and later, with Commander Byrd, followed Lindbergh's trail successfully across the Atlantic.

Airmen all agree that the San Francisco Municipal Airport is the equal of any in America. Their approval of it is attested by the fact that applications for hangar space far exceed available room, and as fast as new hangar space is made available new applications keep piling up in advance.

Superintendent Flynn's report for August was not only an indication of the increasing popularity and utility of the field, but also an indication of the growth in commercial aviation. It showed that 374 ships landed or took off from the field during the month and that they carried a total of 601 passengers.

The Municipal Airport, fine as it is, is only a temporary one, and if the permanent field is to be located at the same place it will be vastly improved at an expense estimated at nearly a million dollars. The present field has three large runways to accommodate ships for any direction of wind, and is equipped with the latest scientific equipment and devices. It is as nearly perfect as intelligent management can make it, and it is destined to play a more important part in the future of San Francisco than many of us realize today.

The Birth of Civic Symphony

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CITIES are like men. They have personality and character. And they are like women. Either they have or they have not that intangible charm which makes them admired and loved by all with whom they come in contact.

The world knows that San Francisco possesses beauty and charm, and with that charm a refinement that gives her beauty a touch of the divine. That is why her name is softly spoken in ports throughout the world wherever travellers meet to exchange sweet recollections of favored spots where they have tarried.

One of the charms of San Francisco is her love of the finer things of life, love of music and of drama and of art. Where else in America would a municipal government, supposed to be interested only in levying taxes, paving streets and digging sewers, embark in the business of promoting a municipal symphony and of conducting an annual series of municipal concerts?

Yet this is one of the activities of the municipality, carried on co-incidentally with the building of Hetch Hetchy, the operation of street car systems and the digging of great tunnels through the city's many hills. San Francisco enjoys the distinction of being the only city in the United States to support and conduct a Symphony Orchestra concert series.

THE plan originated six years ago with Supervisor Emmet Hayden, and, because San Francisco loves good music and has shown it in a thousand ways, it was not long before the suggestion became a reality.

The concerts were started in the face of keen competition from privately financed musical organizations who first fought the proposal bitterly in the city's legislative hall on the ground that the municipality had no right to go into private business in competition with its own citizens. The public response during the first year was disappointing. It had not yet become acquainted with this phase of municipal activity. It was not long, however, before the average citizen discovered that the city was presenting an opportunity of hearing the world's greatest



FRANCK R. HAVENNER
Chairman Auditorium Committee

music at a price suited to the most modest purse. Succeeding concerts proved more and more successful until now they have become an indispensable feature of the cultural life of the community. Capacity audiences of 10,000 have not been the exception but the rule.

The so-called "pop" concerts have become noted throughout the United States and are being regarded with the utmost interest in musical circles everywhere. They have been discussed in the columns of musical periodicals of national circulation and have resulted in the most favorable kind of advertising for the city, although this

was farthest from the thought of those who fostered the idea. So distinctively San Franciscan are they that they have been included as a part of the special nation-wide advertising campaign conducted by Californians, Incorporated.

Operation of the Civic Auditorium and control of the "pop" concerts is placed by the Supervisors in the hands of the Auditorium Committee, consisting of Franck Havenner, Chairman. Warren Shannon and Milton Marks.

THE Auditorium Committee has just announced completion of arrangements for the 1927-28 season which will open on November 1. At each of the concerts a musical star of international reputation will appear as guest artist with the Hertz symphonic organization.

This year's series is a splendid example of the "balanced concert" program. Alexander Brailowsky, the great Russian pianist, will be the first guest artist to appear in the series. He will be heard on the night of November 1. Another artist for whose appearance arrangements have been made is Georges Enesco, the great Roumanian composer and violin virtuoso, who will be heard on January 12. In February the greatest of all living tenors, Beniamino Gigli of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will sing. San Francisco's own boy wonder violinist, Yehudi Menuhin, will also appear during the series, as will Harold Bauer, known to the concert world as the "colossus of the piano."

Adventure Found in Musty Tomes



WHEREVER human beings gather there is romance and color and perhaps tragedy. Those who search for it usually search in such obvious places as the divorce courts or the marriage license bureau. But look where you will, behind assessment rolls or in the humdrum records of trust deeds and fifty vara lots, there you find the evidences of human idiosyncrasies which give interest to the rest of the human family.

In the recorder's office Mr. Godchaux's employees bend over typewriters, sedulously copying line upon line and page upon page, "beginning at a point 129.6 feet from the intersection of —" and so on for six days a week.

Presently there bustles through the door a stout and apparently indignant mother. She wears a bonnet of the type that was chic twenty years ago. Her blue shirt-waist has a high collar with a lace frill around the top. Her black skirt drags a little behind. Her face betokens determination. She clutches by the arm a girl of twenty-one, her daughter, half angry and half inclined to be ashamed.

"I'll see with my own eyes," the mother exclaims, as she drags the girl up to the counter.

There it develops that they are from Los Angeles and that the girl eloped a month before with a bright young salesman, object matrimony.

"I'll see," says the mother, "whether you're married or not."

Down comes the volume of marriage license records and there, all in order, is found recorded the license of the girl, duly certified by a clergyman that the ceremony took place as represented. Doubt gives way to remorse, suspicion to love, and a mother's benediction is sanctified with tears.

IT was just about two weeks ago that time was pursuing its humdrum course when a searcher happened to raise his eyes from an ancient tome and discerned a black satchel in a far-off corner. He thought nothing of it at the moment but, an hour later, looking up, he observed the bag in the same place.

Some delicate machinery of the sub-conscious flashed a message to his brain that this was a bomb. Anxious for the lives of his fellow workers, he quickly gave the alarm, and girls fled in terror to far corners of the office. A small crowd gathered. Presently a brave investigator made bold to open up the death-dealing satchel and revealed an eight pound sack of sugar, forgotten by its owner.



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Oh, there are thrills aplenty in the recorder's office.

Then there was the man who came to the window and insisted on recording his patent on a hobby horse. Nor could he be dissuaded. Here was an invention that would give delight to the children of the ages. It was finally accepted and now rests among the archives.

From time to time it has been considered advisable to turn away cranks who implore the clerks to record documents abusing their enemies or slandering their neighbors. While it is the rule to record any document bearing a notary's signature, there are limits.

In more than one case the hopes of citizens who were under the impression that in some mysterious way they had come into possession of real property, have been dashed.

In sending out notices on delinquent taxes, the tax collector may send warning to two or more persons of the same name whose names appear in the city directory, in hope of finding the delinquent.

The innocent parties receiving such warning get the idea that they are probably the real owners of the property in question, and they come to the recorder's office to find out all about it. They generally argue that it must be true and that Dame Fortune is sitting in their lap.

With the urban development of the community there has disappeared entirely the recording of cattle brands. The old books are full of them, but the last brand was filed ten years ago.

Records of the office date back to 1838 and for many years were in Spanish. The ledger of Alcalde Wade A. Bartlett of 1846-1847 contained a copy of extracts of letters from Governor Stockton authorizing the Alcalde to use public moneys for the expenses of government. Then there is a record of "squatters' claims,"

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YOUTHFUL ACES SHOW THEIR WARES TO MAYOR ROLPH

The Nation Joins Our Lindy League

By Gladys Zehnder

ON Friday, September 16, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh stood on the balcony of the City Hall and received from the hands of Bob Leavitt, Richmond playground boy, the vellum scroll presented as a tribute from the children of San Francisco's Lindy League.

It was the climax of the movement which, begun only a few weeks ago as an amusing diversion for children who use the municipal playgrounds, has grown to such tremendous proportions. Twenty-four hundred children had entered the Lindy League airplane model contest when the entries closed September 1.

Leaders in the civic, commercial and political life of San Francisco had taken a serious interest in the League. And it even won support from Col. Lindbergh, Orville Wright, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, the Air Under-secretaries of War, Navy and Commerce, and others prominent in aviation, recreation and the cultivation of patriotism in the youth of America. These national figures are members of the committee sponsoring the work of making the Lindy League idea a national institution and making the airplane model contest a national event.

The San Francisco Lindy League contest was judged

September 2 and 3. On the 2nd, all the planes in the contest were exhibited in Polk Hall, Municipal Auditorium. Also on that day the scale models, that is, the planes not built to fly, were judged. Some idea of the importance with which the community invested the event is indicated by the personnel of the judges.

These were: Senior division, Art Goebel, winner of the Dole flight; Major H. B. Clagett, James D. Phelan, Constant J. Auger, Allan Bonnalie, Capt. Burdett A. Palmer, Angelo Rossi, Supervisor, J. Emmett Hayden, Supervisor Milton Marks and Mrs. Edwin R. Sheldon.

For the intermediate division Lieutenant George O. Noville of the Byrd flights to the North Pole and to France; Ernie Smith, who flew to Hawaii; H. V. Thaden, Mrs. Mildred Pollok, Supervisor Andrew J. Gallagher, Supervisor Alfred Roncovieri, Judge Murasky, Mrs. D. E. F. Easton and Helen Holt.

For the junior division Emory Bronte, navigator of Ernie Smith's flight to Hawaii; Frank A. Flynn, secretary of the National Aeronautical Association; Grover Tyler, Mrs. Sigmund Stern, Judge Thomas F. Graham, Colonel Frank C. Bolles, Supervisor Jesse Col-

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RESPLENDENT IN A ROBE OF LIGHT—THE CITY HALL

Photo by Chaffee.

Turn on The Lights!

by J. T Whittlesey, Consulting Engineer

MAKE San Francisco the Best Lighted City in the Country." This is the slogan and purpose of the lighting committee. There is no reason why this city, the financial center of the Pacific Coast, should not lead the way in municipal lighting as it has already done in other lines of municipal endeavor. It is situated on one of the greatest harbors in the world with shipping already second only to that of New York; it is the place where hydro-electric and long distance transmission of electricity had its start and is now the main center of that rapidly developing industry; it owns and operates a large hydro-electric power plant built with public funds which is now supplying a substantial part of the electricity required for light and power. It should, most assuredly, be the best lighted city in America.

With the purpose of making it so the lighting committee has been working during the past year and a half and much has already been accomplished, details of which will be published later in succeeding issues of this publication.

Investigation of the problem is being carried on along several lines among which may be mentioned the following:

Classification of streets for standards of illumina-

tion; adoption of standard types of poles and fixtures; equalization of light among all sections of the city in order to remove discrimination; use of Hetch Hetchy power for lighting streets and public buildings; adoption of improved designs of lamps and globes giving better distribution with reduction in cost; substitution of electric lights for the 4,300 gas lamps still in use, accomplishing a substantial saving; proper division of cost between property benefited and the general tax-payer; and finally the advantages and possibilities of a municipally owned street lighting system.

THE last question is the most important of those under consideration for it seems that the goal cannot be reached until the street lighting system is owned and operated by the city. A plan by which this may be accomplished is offered as a suggestion at this time to bring out discussion, and it is hoped that it will result in the adoption of some plan which will receive the support of the whole public.

Instead of a duplication of capital for street lighting equipment I believe it is possible to draw a distinct line of demarcation between property to be owned and operated by the city and that owned and main-

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Civil Service And The Merit System in Use

by Grover O'Connor
Civil Service Assn. Attorney



UP to forty years ago there had developed, as an almost necessary part of practical politics, what was known as the "spoils" system. The phrase had its origin in the bald announcement of President Andrew Jackson that "to the victor belongs the spoils."

It is obvious, of course, that the "spoils system" grew out of a conception of government which attaches far more importance to the fortunes of those engaged in politics than to the welfare of the people as a whole. The supreme regard which the politician had for his own success blinded him to what is the sole reason for government, the welfare of the governed.

Of course, this tendency is as old as history. To it are due most, is not all, of the scandals which mark the course of political history from its beginning.

MANY men clothed with political power have looked upon such power as a personal asset rather than as a trust of the highest character. Such men persist even to the present day despite the fact that, as time has gone on, they have been hedged in by greater and greater restrictions.

In our country the use of political positions, from the smallest to the greatest, as rewards whereby to get and keep elective officials in office, at last became so deplorable an evil that gradually there was introduced what is known as the "merit system."

The "merit system" places the interests of the governed ahead of the fortunes of those vested with governmental authority. It considers, first, efficiency in the public staff, and, secondly, the right of all citizens to have an opportunity to hold public places, a right to be tested solely by their qualifications, based upon public and impartial examinations, rather than by their influence with those in power.

This splendid system was made a part of our San Francisco Charter when it was adopted some thirty years ago.

HOWEVER, charters, constitutions and other laws are but dead words, unless life be breathed into them by the officials whose duty it is to observe and enforce them.

Very few people will oppose or attempt to circum-



GROVER O'CONNOR [Photo by Bushnell]

vent the "merit system," except when it runs counter to their own particular interests or programs. When it does, then all sorts of specious arguments are indulged in justification of violations of the plain mandate of the charter and all kinds of subterfuges resorted to, to get round it.

It will be found that this does not apply only to public officials, but even touches people in private life, and even reputed "reformers."

Such people, however, lose sight entirely of the fact that there is an orderly method for the amendment of the Charter, wherever its civil service provisions are really subject to criticism. Only the electorate and legislature have the legal power to alter the system.

In San Francisco, theoretically, at least, the enforcement of the civil service article of the Charter lies with the Civil Service Commission. It rests with that commission whether the law, both in spirit and in letter, shall be lived up to.

Of course, such a commission is always subject to the greatest pressure to get it to violate the law or acquiesce in violations.

The San Francisco Municipal Civil Service Association three years ago employed the author to appear at every meeting of the commission to urge it to see that the charter is observed and enforced in every particular, that no favorites or exceptions are countenanced, and that no subterfuges are tolerated.

MANY of the members of our associations are in line to take promotional examinations for higher positions, whenever such examinations are held. Therefore, another reason for the employment of an attorney was constantly to have the commission urged to

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How to Fill a Mayor's Shoes

[Illustrations by Sweigert]

WHAT does a mayor do? Sure, he runs the city. But how? What motions does he go through?

Few of those who read this have had the experience of being a mayor, and we often wonder, if we had the job how we'd go about holding it down.

When the city employee goes to work in the morning he gives a last longing look at the clock and takes up

and while the mayor is disposing of them the reception room is filling up with all kinds of people, including often strangers from foreign lands.

Most of the mayor's callers come in groups. Usually they are delegations suggesting civic improvements, all the way from new lights on Taraval street to the expenditure of \$40,000,000 for the purchase of the Market Street Railway Company. Meanwhile reporters slip in unannounced and slip out again after a few words with the mayor. The delegations don't interest them much. They've seen too many of them.

Rarely a day goes by that the mayor is not called upon to give official welcome to some visiting dignitary. Perhaps he comes in gold braid, brilliant with decorations and epaulets, the consul of his country at



his draughting pencil or his pen and starts in on page 4,382 where he left off the night before.

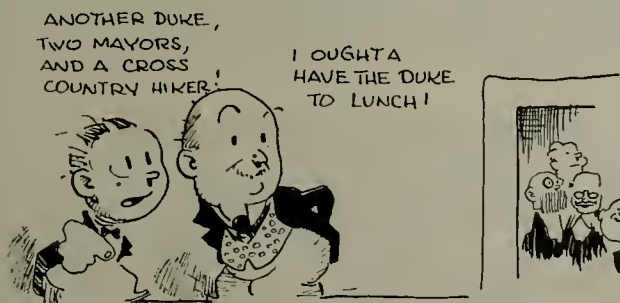
When the business man goes to work he calls in his stenographer and dictates a letter offering to sell a carload of thumb tacks at a ten per cent discount on account of the market.

When an editor goes to work in the morning he calls up the printer and bawls him out because the boy didn't bring the proofs up on time.

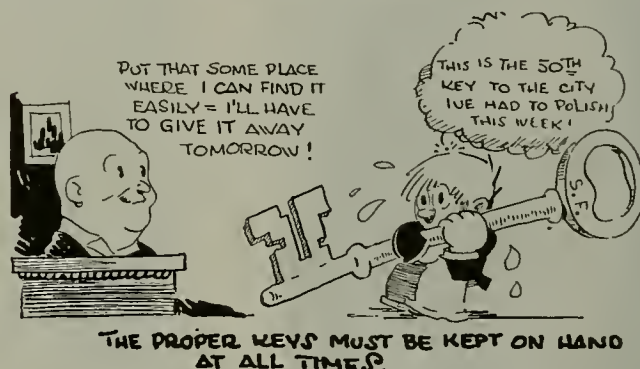
It is a little before 8 o'clock in the morning. A key rattles in the big oak door of Mayor Rolph's office and Detective Sergeant Tom Walsh comes in, slips the lock, pulls the shades and gets ready to do business. Usually right on his heels comes the mayor himself, fresh from a cold shower and very brisk about things.

BEFORE he gets seated in his chair in the inner office and gets his tie settled, Edward Rainey, executive secretary, William F. Benedict, assistant secretary, the stenographers and "Len" Harris, the mayor's usher, all show up. The mail is delivered to the mayor while Victor, the janitor, is changing the flowers and dusting off the mayor's desk.

In the mail are letters from the great and the small, from poor and rich, from business men and widows,

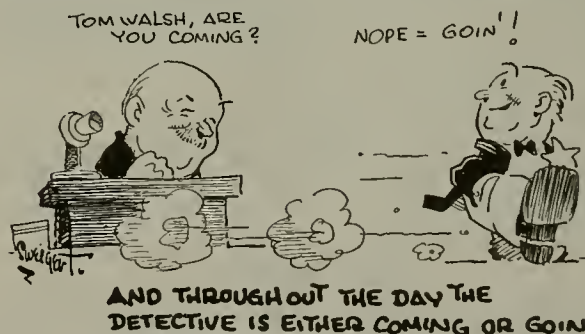


EACH DIGNITARY MUST BE GREETED AND TREATED AS BECOMING THEIR PROPER RANK.



his side. Perhaps he is small and unimportant looking but bearing a name known round the world. You never can tell. Each must be received in a manner befitting his rank. An error here would be inexcusable.

AFTER these functions have been concluded comes the important business of the day. The mayor calls for official documents awaiting his signature. Resolutions and ordinances, sometimes of a highly controversial nature, are brought to him. They are perhaps of vital importance, and the press of the city eagerly awaits his decision. One such started the building of Hetch



Hetchy; another created the Civic Center; still others started the wheels of the Municipal Railway rolling and bored tunnels through the hills of the city.

While these things are being considered Tom Walsh comes and goes; Len ushers in his delegations and takes them away again; and the typewriters hum in the stenographers' room.

Now we all know how to be mayors.

The Board of Supervisors

by Jesse C. Colman

This is the second of a series of articles by Supervisor Colman on the functions of the Board of Supervisors.

THE powers of the Board of Supervisors in the administration of San Francisco's municipal affairs and in the levying of taxes to meet annual expenditures are many and varied.

Not the least important of its functions, under provisions of the charter, has been the conduct of the Municipal Employees' Retirement and Pension Fund.



[Photo by Hartsook

JESSE C. COLMAN

The retirement system was established by the Supervisors for purely altruistic reasons—to provide for death benefits for public employees, other than policemen and firemen, who are members of a pension system. A total of \$769,700 was placed in the 1927-28 budget for the efficient administration of this department of civic activity.

Other functions of the board include the following:

Control of appliances necessary to the furnishing of water, heat, light, power,

telephonic and telegraphic service.

Acquisition, regulation and control of all appliances for the sprinkling and cleaning of the streets, and for the flushing of sewers.

Fixing by ordinance of rates or compensation to be collected by any person, company or corporation in the city and county for the use of water, heat, light, power or telephonic service.

The power to grant franchises for the erection of poles or wires for transmitting electric power or for lighting purposes along or upon any public street or highway of the city and county, and to require public bidding for the same.

Franchise Power

The power to grant franchises for the operation of street railway lines or other means of public transportation within the city and county limits.

The power to provide funds for the payment of damage claims against the municipality—the claims to be filed with the clerk of the board within six months after the occurrence from which the damages are said to have arisen.

The power to sell all lands owned by the city and county, excepting lands for parks, squares, and children's playgrounds, and subject to the restrictions of

the charter that the public interest or necessity demands the sale of such lands.

The power of naming an acting mayor when the mayor is temporarily unable to perform his duties, and to fill a vacancy should it occur in the office of the mayor, for the unexpired term.

The power to form an assessment district to carry on some public improvement such as the Stockton street tunnel, Twin Peaks tunnel, and Duboce tunnel, the latter project now rapidly nearing completion. The widening of streets and acquisition of land for the same is a part of this power that is frequently used by the board in the making of a greater San Francisco.

Control of Water Front

The control of the wharves, waterfront and harbor of San Francisco which now belong or hereafter may belong to the city and county. All such wharves shall be built and repaired by the Board of Public Works. Should the present harbor front ever be acquired by the city from the State of California, a Board of Municipal Harbor Commissioners, to be appointed by the mayor, will succeed the supervisory body in its control of waterfront lands and physical properties.

The power to include funds in the annual budget for the conduct of the school department in all its branches and for the construction of new buildings. Several years ago a \$12,000,000 bond issue was placed on the ballot by the supervisors for new schools, and since that time a program has been carried on by the Board of Education. Within the past few years a demand has been made for additional funds to carry out the normal growth construction.

The financing of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, built by the late A. B. Spreckels and Alma de Brettville Spreckels is the duty of the Board of Supervisors. Funds must be included in the municipal budget each year for this purpose.

The adequate upkeep of the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park, one of the show places of the world, is also in the hands of the supervisory body. Under conditions accepted by the board and voted by the people, funds must be set aside annually for maintenance of the museum and to keep it in repair.



FIREMEN MOURN MURPHY DEATH

His many friends in the fire department were grieved to hear of the death on September 13 of James Murphy, father of first assistant chief Thomas J. Murphy. Scores attended the funeral held Friday morning, September 16, from the family residence at 3920 Twentieth street. Representatives from all the fire houses in the city were present and acted as honorary pall bearers.

The Puzzle Board of Standardization

by Wilford E. Talbert
Chairman Salary Standardization Board

SOME time this fall the Salary Standardization Board hopes to be able to announce a tentative classification of positions. In the meantime we should like to make clear to our readers just what such a classification means and how it will operate.

Let us suppose that instead of 6,000 positions in 50 different departments we were given 50 different puzzle boards each of a different color and each filled with pieces of cardboard. Our job is to sort the pieces of cardboard into the simplest logical arrangement.

Looking over the different puzzle boards we see squares, circles, triangles, and various other shapes, so it occurs to us to use **shape** as the basis for classification.

We observe that some of the squares are white and some are pink and some are blue, depending upon which puzzle board they are in, but this does not disturb us since they are all squares.

However, we observe that some of the squares are larger than others, and that the circles and triangles also vary in both size and color.

Now let us suppose that a "vacancy" occurs in one of the puzzle boards. If the vacant space is a circle two inches in diameter then only a circle of that size will fill it. A smaller circle will not do so; neither will a square.

However, given a plain two-inch circle we can color it pink, blue, or any other required color and it will still fit the "vacancy."

The Application

That's all there is to classification and grading. Now let's see how the illustration applies to the classification and grading of positions.

In the first place what we are sorting is **jobs**. And the basis for this classification is **duties**.

In the foregoing illustration each class was defined in terms of **shape**. For example, a square has four equal sides and all angles right angles. Any shape on the puzzle board that conforms to that definition is a square.

In the same manner we must define in terms of **duties** such classes as nurse, draftsman, clerk, laborer, etc. When these definitions are worked out, then any job that fits the definition for a given class will belong in that class.

The two possible complications in the puzzleboard illustration were color and size. We have two similar complications in the classification of positions.

Each puzzle board had its own particular color,

which made it necessary to color the various squares, circles, etc. after they were assigned to vacancies. In the same manner a nurse, draftsman, clerk, or laborer must learn the specific duties of his position after he is assigned, but he is nevertheless still fundamentally a nurse, draftsman, clerk, or laborer.

The other complication in the illustration was size.

In our classification of positions that variable factor becomes "value to the service." For example, just as squares varied in size, so do clerks vary in value to the service. And just as it was necessary to specify the size of square required to fit a given vacant space in the puzzle board, so is it necessary to specify the grade of clerk required to fit a given job in a department.

It will be observed that, while several different pieces of cardboard may vary in shape, they may all be the same size (area). For example, a square and a circle may both cover the same number of square inches but may not fit the same vacant spaces in the puzzle board.

In the same way two jobs may be quite unlike as to duties and still be of the same value to the service—in which case they would deserve the same pay. It is not at

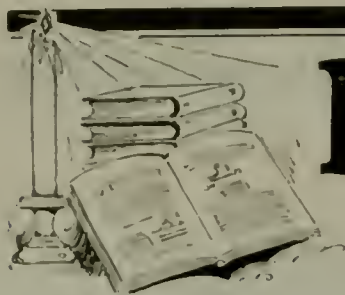
all uncommon to find jobs as widely separated as clerks and policemen receiving the same salary.

The difficulty in carrying out this part of the analogy lies in the lack of any accurate measure of "value to the service." It is easy to compute the area of squares and circles with mathematical accuracy; it is not so easy to say how much a given grade of nurse or clerk or laborer is worth.

Even so, however, there is some advantage in adopting a uniform grading system as far as possible throughout all kinds of service. A piece of cardboard with 100 sides and a circle may look so much alike that it is hard to tell them apart. If both figures are the same size they will probably both fit the same vacant space in the puzzle board equally well, so it makes little difference which classification is followed. In the same way, if standards of value to the service can be maintained in the classification of positions, then the effect of errors in classification on the basis of duties will be very greatly minimized.

With our present limitations as to measures of value, the matter of fixing compensation will probably remain a matter of personal opinion on the part of the salary-fixing body. However, if salaries are fixed by grades and classes rather than by individual preferences, a long step will have been taken in the right direction.





Public Library

Edited By Frances K. Langpaap

THE purchasing for the Public Library is done by the librarian and the order department. The actual selection is made by the librarian from various sources: Book reviews such as The Publisher's Weekly (American), The Publisher's Circular (English), The Bookman, The N.Y. Times Book Review, The London Times Book Review, The Nation. The Saturday Review; publishers' circulars, advertisements, personal letters from authors, recommendations by organizations, etc. The librarian must constantly keep his finger on the pulse of the reading public. What authors are popular? How lasting will their popularity be? What is the ultimate values of the volumes to the collection? The vital questions of the hour in political, scientific and technical fields must be considered and the best publications on each purchased.



[Photo by Bushnell.]

FRANCES K. LANGPAAP

Above all, he must try and satisfy everyone in the community and fall in with the diverse demands of each.

A book once selected for purchase, the notation is given to the order department and the process of ordering starts. Public library books are procured from various sources. American fiction usually comes from a local firm, the San Francisco News Company. English fiction is purchased from G. E. Stechert of New York, who imports from abroad. Fiction which promises to be popular, by old established authors, or by authors very much advertised, are ordered in large quantities.

So-called best-sellers often have but a brief popularity and become dead wood in the collection, sitting on the shelf for months without moving. On the other hand, books which were not so wildly popular when they were issued continue to circulate steadily, until they are rebound, replaced by new copies, rebound, replaced, and so on indefinitely, continuing to give pleasure to readers long after the book of the hour has been cancelled from the collection.

UNEXPLAINED revivals of popularity among authors often occurs. The circulation department reports at the present time that the books of Sir Rider

Haggard are very much in demand. All of these things must be considered in ordering.

The order for popular American fiction of such authors as Zane Grey, Kathleen Norris, Peter B. Kyne, etc., are placed with the booksellers several months before the books are released for publication, and the orders are often filled before the official date set for publication. In such cases professional ethics demand that the books be held and not circulated until they have been offered for sale by retail booksellers.

Most of the non-fiction books come from Stechert. This includes English importations, French, German and other foreign publications. By a special arrangement with this bookseller, French and Italian fiction is bought in the paper editions commonly sold abroad and is rebound before being sent out. Spanish books are bought from a fund founded by Juan Cebrian, a prominent Spaniard of this city. Senor Cebrian personally selects the books and pays all charges on them.

Technical books are usually furnished by the publishers directly. Publishers with local representatives such as Macmillan, Houghton Mifflin and the like sometimes are able to supply their own publications, but the bulk of the non-fiction comes from New York and is shipped through the canal. It takes from three weeks to a month from the time the order is mailed until the books are delivered to the library. Importations take from two months to ten weeks.

THE above information applies only to new books and what are called "replacements": new copies of older books ordered to fill lost or worn out copies.

There is another important source of books for Public Libraries, second-hand dealers. These dealers (both of the United States and of Great Britain) send out catalogs at indefinite intervals, listing their available second-hands. These catalogs are read and checked by the librarian and the listed orders sent to Stechert, who then enters into negotiations with the dealers and eventually supplies the library with as many as can be procured. The time required for purchasing second-hands is of necessity indefinite.

The amount of money spent on books varies monthly. Thus, in the fiscal year 1926-1927 expenditures were: July, \$2,222; August, \$4,217; September, \$9,241; October \$6,670; November, \$9,282; December \$15,320; January \$5,498; February \$3,955; March \$7,241; April \$8,856. Part of these funds, however, were used to purchase entire collections for two new branches.

When the books arrive at the library, they are unloaded from the cases, checked off on the bills by the order department, and a complete card record kept of each book, including authorization of purchase, date of purchase, place, publisher, edition, net price, discount, date received, date shelved, and miscellaneous other information. This card is called the accession or order

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Parks and Museums



Edited by W. M. Strother

A REMARKABLE example of the painting restorer's art has recently been exhibited at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park. Old paintings from time to time require the removal of a varnish covering put on after the artist has completed the picture to protect it.

Naturally such work has to be done by an expert; otherwise irreparable damage could be done to a valuable canvas in a few moments, or a picture could be so done over as to make it practically the work of the "restorer" and no longer that of the original master.

The Board of Trustees of the de Young Museum recently decided to have several of the paintings there restored and for this work employed Adolf Werbik, an expert from Vienna, Austria, whose father was in the same line of work.

One of the paintings was a canvas entitled "Lady With Flowers," by Jan van Os, a Dutch artist who lived from 1744 to 1808. This picture showed a lady with large bunches of flowers at her right. The subject's left arm was invisible. At the place where it would naturally appear was a vague design of leaves.

IN the course of his work, Werbik uncovered some flesh-colored paint in this part of the picture, where nothing appeared to justify the use of such a color. Working with extreme care, he finally uncovered a hand and later the whole arm of the woman! Somebody, for a reason that is mystifying, had painted a new design over this part of the picture—apparently with the idea of improving on the original master's work.

The painting was bought for the Museum by the late M. H. de Young and has been in its present quarters for ten years. Before that it was the property of the late Frank C. Havens and hung at his Piedmont Art Gallery. Richard L. Partington, who was formerly associated with Havens, says the picture was purchased by the latter in New York and he is unable to throw any light upon the mystery of the change in its original design.

The painting is now on exhibit at the de Young Museum. Its appearance is greatly improved since its restoration.

The October schedule of semi-weekly lectures, which are given on Wednesdays at 2 P.M. and on Sundays at

4 P.M. at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum, includes talks in the gallery of jades and Chinese sepulcher pieces on October 2, by Miss Helen Gordon Barker; in the Ecclesiastical galleries on October 5 and 9 by Louis C. Towne; in Statuary Hall on the 12th and 16th by Miss Barker; in the Oriental Galleries on 19th and 23rd by Mr. Towne; and in the galleries containing the paintings by California artists and the Alice Skae collection on the 26th and 30th by Miss Barker.



Bronze Bust of C. P. Huntington

Legion of Honor Palace

THE Carl W. Hamilton collection of Italian Renaissance Old Masters and other art objects, secured for exhibition at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor through the efforts of Herbert Fleishhacker, President of the Board of Trustees, opened its showing on September first. It has justified all the great things said about it in advance, for it is a wonderful collection.

Of quite a different type but also a wonderful collection, is the display of modern paintings and sculpture, loaned anonymously, which went on display at the same time. This exhibit fills two of the largest galleries.

Both of the collections are attracting many visitors; in fact, the attendance during the first two weeks was approximately 40,000—a considerable increase over the average. Both of these exhibitions will continue throughout October.

Uda Waldrop, who has for some time been municipal organist at the Civic Auditorium, has been appointed organist at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in place of Marshall W. Giselman, resigned. Mr. Waldrop is a musician and composer of note. His recitals will be given at the Palace on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 3 to 3:45 P.M.

The Parks

JOHN McLaren, Superintendent of Parks and Squares, has started work on the new bridle path to connect the paths in the Presidio with those in Golden Gate Park. It is expected that the work will be completed within sixty days.

This is the work for which the Park Commission secured an appropriation of \$10,000 from the Board of Supervisors as a part of the 1927-1928 budget. There

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Bureau of Engineering

Edited By Carl Stern

NOW that the time is close for the second baseball game between the teams of the Los Angeles City Engineers and the San Francisco City Engineers, speculation is rife as to the outcome.

The local team has one game of the series tucked away but it was only after a ten-inning battle that it was safely in the bag.

Interest in the next game is increasing and the members of the team are out twice a week practicing in order that the silver cup, donated by the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, shall stay in San Francisco.

Not to be outdone by the team itself the other employees of the city engineer's office are stepping on the gas in order to make the game a financial success. A tidy sum has to be raised to bring the southern team to San Francisco. This is going to be accomplished by the active co-operation of all employees of the Bureau of Engineering in the sale of tickets. In addition to this there will be a program and score book, which will, it is hoped, help to defray the expenses of the game.

ALTHOUGH this battle is between the representatives of the engineering departments of the two cities, it is in fact, a game between the best of the Los Angeles city employees and our engineering department. The Los Angeles engineers' team cleaned up everything in municipal teams down south and was given the support of the other departments of the city government when it played the local team. Its financial success, and what is more important, the attendance of a large number of city employees at the game, was an assured fact long before the date set. Ten thousand fans at a game like that means something.

We feel sure that, even if the local team is not the winner of a municipal league here, the employees of the city government will give it their support by attending in order that we may equal the record down south.

The admission price is fifty cents which entitles the holder to any seat in the grand stand except a box.

Bear the date in mind, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8, at 2:30 o'clock and help send the Los Angeles team home with the knowledge that San Francisco not only "knows how" but "can do."

OFFICE NOTES.

OUR chief, M. M. O'Shaughnessy, has just returned from one of his official inspection trips over the mountain sources of the Hetch Hetchy water supply. Indications point to an early winter and a heavy snowpack, as he reports several rainstorms and snow.

Time is fleeting and a lot of us are no longer young. Al Mallon, erstwhile baseball slugger, has had a long and enthusiastic career on the diamond from Golden Gate Park to Kimberley and return, but at last has

hung up what is left of his spikes. He did not even show up for recent practice for the Los Angeles game.

Oscar Prince, car designer and Beau Brummel of the department, is now in St. Louis inspecting the cars now under construction for the Municipal Railway.

Three of our kilowatt persuaders, Axel Olsen, Lou Constine, and Lou Perrin, spent Admission Day in a trip over the Hetch Hetchy system. They report that the road to Intake is rather rough, and recommend that the power house be adequately equipped for repairing springs.

"Sparks" Levin, our dog and dahlia fancier—to say nothing of radios—is too busy between the Airport and the Engineers' ball game to regale us with his pet hobbies.

Leo Gonief Glick is concentrating on the entertainment of the Los Angeles baseball team so hard these days that there is grave danger of the boys not getting their pay this month.

Big handsome Al Bowhay of matched buttonhole and tie renown spent his vacation in Canada. Al drove all the way in his big Oakland on an average of 300 miles a day. The stories he has been telling of how he was served almost before he was seated caused a rush in that direction. Clarence Clifton, Frank Sullivan, John Hanson, and Horace Chaffee have already verified everything Al said. Louis Tegtmeier is on his way, and Arthur Walker can hardly wait for his turn.

Mr. James Owens is now back superintending all paving design, after having visited the large cities of the U. S. He states that San Francisco has no apologies to offer any of them.

Larry Cederburg is on his way to Paris with the boys of the A. E. F. Here's hoping Larry gets past the peacetime powder as safely as on the last visit. But oh you Madeleine!

Miss Kelly and Miss Sears have been very busy rushing specifications for the completion of the Airport in preparation for Colonel Lindbergh's visit.

Miss Sullivan is back east on her vacation. We hope she won't bring a New Yorker back with her.

Miss Ruth Stocker spent her vacation touring the sunny southland, including a pleasant visit to Tia Juana.

AN APPRECIATION

Editor Municipal Employee: I wish to extend to you my congratulations on The Municipal Employee.

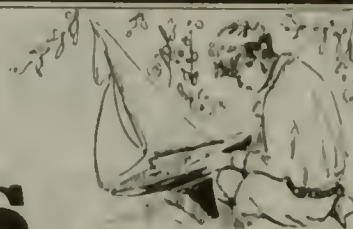
The articles are not only informative, but very interesting and we shall take pleasure in placing the magazine on the tables of the Main Library and also in the reading rooms of all our branches. The Municipal Employee will create and maintain an interest in all departments of our city government.—Yours very truly,

George A. Mullin,

Controller and Secretary, Public Library.



Play-grounds



By Veda B. Young

THE Playground Commission realizes that its huge program of acquiring, improving and maintaining more playgrounds, together with the needed equipment and buildings, entails expert service. It is also aware of the importance of having this increased work organized to function efficiently.

Anxious to employ methods used in successful commercial and industrial enterprises to bring about the desired results, it has selected Homer B. Pack to fill the position of Supervisor of Construction and Maintenance.

Mr. Pack commenced his work on August 16, leaving one of the most successful engineering firms of the city. One of the first assignments turned over to him was the construction of the new field house at Excelsior Playground. The building is nearing completion, and will be of great value to

Department will be second to none in this country.

Since recreation plays an important role in the life of every individual, it is natural that the playground department should be in a position to cooperate with many civic departments and organizations.

The San Francisco Civil Service Department holds certain phases of its examinations on our playgrounds for the purpose of qualifying men for the police and fire departments. The Police Department uses the playgrounds to hold drill practice. The Board of Education, through the Physical Education Department, schedules many of the grammar and high school athletic contests, including baseball, basketball, and soccer activities, on the playgrounds. The Olympic Club, San Francisco High Schools, both public and parochial, practice football on the playgrounds. Steamship companies, insurance firms, stock and bond houses, sporting goods stores, industrial concerns, retail stores and banking institutions all make use of the playgrounds for tennis, baseball, and basketball activities.

MISS JOSEPHINE DOWS RANDALL, the Superintendent of Recreation for the San Francisco Playground Commission, is now attending the Annual Recreation Conference which is being held in Memphis, Tennessee. This conference is called by the Playground and Recreation Association of America each year, and representatives from the entire United States attend the sessions.

Miss Randall will represent the Playground Commission and will have an opportunity not only to glean important information from the executives and representatives from the entire country, but will be in a position to contribute some valuable ideas.

The Board of Public Works

COMMISSIONER FREDERICK W. MEYER has just returned from his annual vacation at Huntington Lake. The Commissioner was quite fortunate in not being killed when he had a hand-to-hand encounter with a deer he had wounded. The result of the clash was six stitches in his scalp. For further details of the battle it would be well to get in touch with John J. Calish, Mayor of the Sunset District.

Pansy Crone left for Harbin Springs Monday, September 26.

John Hannan, the Superintendent of the Bureau of Accounts, is spending his annual vacation in British Columbia.

John Horgan, the Chief Building Inspector, has been confined to his bed for the past three weeks. We

trust that John's smiling countenance will be seen at an early date around the Building Dept.

The Board of Public Works street department is in the midst of one of the largest street reconstruction programs it has had for years.

The contract for the construction of Hangar No. 2 in Mills Municipal Airport has been awarded to the Stephenson Construction Co.

Thomas Gallagher was awarded the contract for furnishing and erecting approximately 600 street signs. These signs will be erected in the outlying districts of the city.

Mrs. A. B. Zehnder has just returned from her vacation spent at Jasper Park. Mrs. Zehnder tells us that this Park is one of the wonders of world.



[Photo by Bushnell.]

HOMER B. PACK

this thickly settled, thriving community. We are certain Mr. Pack will be of great value to the Playground Commission, and in time the San Francisco Playground

Municipal Organizations

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS' UNION

By J. L. Slater Jr.

HAVING listened to Surveyor Eggert tell the world that "two can live cheaper than one," Al Abrahamsen took unto himself a better half during his vacation the latter part of August. Al is now back on the job and still believes Eggert spoke the truth. The best wishes of our entire organization go to the happy young couple.

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Did you see that cloud of dust whiz around the corner? It looked like one of those tornadoes we used to see on the farm back home. Don't be frightened, Reginald. That was just City Surveyor Garen and his party driving to work.

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Roy Banks is spending his vacation with relatives in Riverside, but intends giving Los Angeles the once-over before returning.

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Under the supervision of Engineer Charles Taylor, Golden Gate Heights is becoming one of the city's fine residential tracts. Well-designed retaining walls and curving streets aid materially in the general appearance of the Heights. Mr. Taylor is being assisted by Inspectors Sankey, Geertz, Phillips, Balk, De Cew, and Mitchell. Surveyor Knox and party ran the lines.

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Surveyor Lundy and his party are on their vacation. Tom did not state where he intended spending the time, Jim Garbarino will probably stay in Los Gatos while Elmo Fenton said he was going to Los Angeles.

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Bill Kaiser (no relation to the all-highest) traded vacations with Roy Banks earlier in the season, so Bill is filling Roy's shoes with Knox's party for two weeks.

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Inspector Mallon is in the vicinity of Barstow, Cal., looking over some mining properties in which he is interested. Al did a fine job in handling the inspection on the Market Street Extension.

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Charlie Muller, Willie Eggert's "gunman," shows up at the Hall in the mornings looking as if he hadn't a friend in the world. (The Seals are in third place as this goes to print.)

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The Labor Day parade was a huge success. Our local made a good showing with the draughtsmen carrying triangles and T squares. The survey parties carried instruments and rods and the inspectors marched with pennants of the various municipal projects.

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Ernest Garen spent his vacation in Pittsburgh, Pa. That boy sure does a lot of traveling. His 1926 vacation was also spent there. That's twice in succession,

and we wonder if he intends taking the fatal leap next year.

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Charlie Hiden hasn't smashed any Fords or Stars lately. We guess the "Little Giant" has decided to ride the street cars.

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Sergeant-at-Arms Miller broke his right hand recently while engaged in gymnastics. Here's hoping for a speedy healing of the injured hand, Howard.

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Our local will put on an educational program during the coming winter. Plans are being made by the Entertainment Committee to have some prominent speaker address the members on engineering subjects.

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Inspector Bunting is handling the inspection on the Grand View Avenue job under the supervision of Chas. Taylor.

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Don't forget to attend the baseball game between the Bureau of Engineering team and the Los Angeles engineers. Game called at two o'clock Saturday, October 8, at Recreation Park, San Francisco. Bring your friends and show our Southern friends how we can turn out.

PER DIEM MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

By F. J. Ferguson

THE San Francisco Civil Service Per Diem Men's Association was founded on June 18, 1915. Its chief purpose is to promote closer relationship between Civil Service employees and to uphold the principles of civil service prescribed in the charter.

Nearly all Civil Service Per Diem men are members of the various unions of their crafts. Therefore the association is closely allied with the San Francisco Labor and Building Trades Councils. It is also affiliated with the Central Council of Civic Clubs, of which J. F. Kelly is secretary. He volunteered his service to act for the association as its business representative.

George Keeley, one of the founders and first president, Charles McColm, who served several terms as president, and M. V. Duddy, its first recording secretary, have all passed on. Mr. McColm was Retirement Board commissioner when he died. "Bill" Horan and Dave Ahern, both active in the formation of the organization, are still in harness.

The first effort of the association was to open a campaign to secure an annual vacation for Per Diem men. On August 23, 1915, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance which received the signature of the mayor granting the vacation. The validity of the ordinance was attacked and a legal battle ensued. Attorney William A. Kelly for the Per Diem men defended the or-

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City and County Offices

TREASURER'S OFFICE

By Sidney S. Smith

THE hardworking and obliging Louis Denny has closed his cage in the treasurer's office for the time being and is taking an extended trip up the Sacramento Valley into Oregon. He is being accompanied by Mrs. Denny.

Joe Cesack of the inheritance tax department is combining business with pleasure at Hollywood, where he went to attend the convention of inheritance tax collectors and deputies. The convention was held September 15, 16 and 17.



JOHN H. THIELER

Treasurer Jack Thielor made a double hero of himself up at Lake Almanor early this month. Of most importance is that he jumped into the lake and saved the life of a girl who was drowning, thereby winning the gratitude

of the girl's family and the plaudits of the community. Next of importance is that he supplied a large part of the City Hall with fish dinners for one day at least. The boxes of his catch were delivered at the treasurer's office after being shipped down on ice. One box went to the newspaper boys of the second floor press room and for two days afterward Matilda was busy serving private fish dinners.

The report of the inheritance tax department of the office shows that it collects approximately \$2,000,000 a year.

RECORDER'S OFFICE

By Daniel McGloin

JOHAN J. KINROD, candidate for Supervisor from this office, has just returned from an extended tour of the Middle West. He was the guest of honor at a barbecue given at Madison Park, Dayton, Ohio, by his father-in-law, who is one of the largest packers of the Middle West.

Frank McLane also returned from a vacation, which consisted of side trips during the day, and a continuous round of parties at night. Frank looks well but appeared a trifle weak.

Tom Mahoney, another returned vacationist, visited Fresno, Coalinga, and wound up with a week's stay in Yosemite Valley. Tom reported the bears in the Valley as hungry as ever.

Ed Walsh, last but not least, toured the Northwest in his machine (a Gray Line), and reported Victoria, Vancouver, etc., as being very wet. He had an especially good time in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Leopold Popper looks very natty in his new hat, imported directly from Italy. Leo says the name of the hat is Borsolino, not Mussolini.

Frank Horan, in going through his locker, discovered two boxes of cigars he intended to give away for Christmas, 1925. Leo Popper is now smoking them in his pipe.

THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

By J. Everett Sharp.

DEPUTY JOE HAGGERTY, who is the auditor's confidential adviser on state laws bearing upon dog licenses, doesn't have any too much time to read advertising matter, and therefore cannot reasonably be expected to be thoroughly up-to-date on modern vernacular, which is often high-hat on very commonplace things. That is what threw him into a quandary recently. A man stopped at his desk and said that he had come in regarding his daughter's business because she felt a little diffident, owing to halitosis.

Joe said: "The city doesn't make any distinction in the breed of dogs; you pay two dollars a year—just the same for a Halitosis as you would for an Airedale or any other breed. Dogs are just dogs."

His visitor exclaimed: "What in hell gave you the idea that I'm after a dog license! My daughter has a beauty parlor!" And Joe said: "Well now, do you know, I thought that was an odd name for a breed of pups, and of course now you tell me it is a skin preparation I see my mistake."

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Everybody knows Dan Leary and they know him as "Dan." That's the fine thing about it—the universal friendliness expressed toward the man. Despite all that, he is having trouble in getting the right kind of a figuring force to work with him in carrying out tax extensions now that the new rate has been fixed. When the tax extension work is in full swing, Dan is the busiest man in the Hall. The number of come-backs on his finals is almost unbelievably small, and he has received probably as many flattering notices from the United States Bureau of Census and Statistics in Washington as any municipal statistician anywhere. Putting a capacity limitation on age is one of the fallacies of recent years, and when the city loses Dan Leary and men of his class a few years hence, there will come a realization that the ripeness of experience is in a class by itself and only comes with the age that finally under our system works its undoing.

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There's George Lafrentz, another statistician, who eats figures and gets no indigestion in consequence. Added to that, he is a dreamer as well, and a poet. A recent experience of his in a book-keeping examination exposed the quality of his moods. It was a moon-light night and George, having put in a hard day in the office, had walked down for the civil service ex. all the

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Police Dept.



Edited by Jack Gibson

MEMBERS of the San Francisco Police Department, some of them at least, have been taking advantage of the opportunity offered by the San Francisco Gun Club's offer to use the range of that organization free of charge on Thursdays, to improve their marksmanship.

The members who have enjoyed this courtesy have become very proficient in breaking the clay targets, and in a recent tournament some excellent scores were made.

At the Elks meet some time ago eighteen members participated and their scores were as follows, the scores being out of a possible fifty points:

Corporal Harvey Deline.....48	Corporal Frank Hoekle 41
James Rooney 47	Corporal John Traynor..41
Alfred Foley 47	John Dolan, Jr. 41
Sergeant George Wall 47	Sergt. Rich. Hughes 41
William Cullen 46	George Lillis 38
George Flynn 46	George Burkhardt 42
Corp. Franklin K. Lane..45	Walter Leonhardt 39
Frank Hobson 42	William Porter 39
Ren Harris 42	Sergeant Carl Justus....39

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The San Francisco Police Department was well represented in the pilgrimage of the American Legion at its Ten-Year After visit to France, and to hold its big meeting and reunion in Paris.

Those who were given two months' leave with pay by the Police Commission to enable them to make this trip were:

Wm. Pilster, on duty in the city prison; John Lawless and Thomas Stack of the Central station; John Surges of the Traffic squad; Corporal Franklin K. Lane of the Mission station; John Stoddard and James Dougherty of the Park station.

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Detective Charles Dorman, former big league catcher who made his reputation as a baseball receiver in the Coast league, left September 17 for the East to take in the World's series. Incidentally he was a spectator at the Dempsey-Tunney fight, having been furnished with a high class seat by the Chicago police chief.

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A number of the members of the Police Department took part in the Golden Gate Swim featured by The Chronicle. Officer James McGovern led the blue coats to the finish line. The number of policemen negotiating the gate span was creditable when it is taken into consideration that they have not the time to practice and train for such an event as many of those who make this line of sport a major consideration.

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Mark Dowell who was arrested with Ed Gentile for

the murder last summer of Officer James Driscoll was sentenced by Judge Trabucco, following his conviction of first degree murder, to hang next month. As an appeal is to be taken it will probably be several months before the man is executed. Gentile was given a life sentence, the jury finding that Dowell did the actual killing. An effort was made to save Dowell but the police had too tough a case against him, and Lieutenant Charles Dullea as well as the men who worked with him are to be commended for the business-like manner in which they handled this case.

When Dowell is executed it will be the second man in two years to be hung for killing a policeman. This is a record not equalled in twenty years. An average of nearly two policemen are killed every year in the performance of their duty.

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Plans are about completed for the new station to be built out in the Sunset district. With this rapidly growing residential section it has become necessary that some closer police protection be provided and a new company will be formed as soon as the station is completed.

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Lieutenants Fred Kimble and Albert Munn, the first from the Ingleside station and the latter from the Potrero, were assigned to the night watches of the Detective bureau in line with the new plan of shifting lieutenants to this office every three months. Lieutenant Arthur DeGuire, who finished his three months' hitch September 1 was transferred to the Central station and Lieutenant Jack Sullivan who did likewise was assigned to the Ingleside.

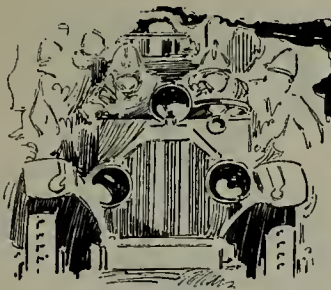
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Members of the department extend their sympathies to the family of Sergeant Lawrence Boland who died early in September at St. Luke's Hospital after a short illness. Although only 49 years old Sergeant Boland was a veteran in the police department with a long record of twenty years service to his credit. He was on duty in the Harbor district. He is survived by a widow and four children. Rev. Father William M. Boland, S. J. was his brother.

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The police commissioners have promoted Officer Patrick Shannon to the rank of Sergeant. At their recent meeting they also appointed as police officers Albert L. Machado and Clarence J. Nilan. Louis T. Lammers was appointed patrol driver and Helena Bethune emergency matron.

If the voters on November 8 approve a declaration of policy submitted by the Supervisors the City of San Francisco will donate a site at Fulton and Hyde streets on the Civic Center for the erection of the proposed new Federal building.



Fire Dept.



Edited By Lieut. Fred Jones

BELIEVE it or not, Hayes of Chemical 4 has been fishing at Bakers Beach for over three years and has caught everything but a bass.

Rohde, the Chief's Operator, spent the most of his vacation repairing his high speed Chevrolet. Ever figure on buying an automobile, Rohde.

Angels' Flight in Los Angeles has nothing on Engine 48. The only difference being one is equipped with a railroad.

Harrigan, the little giant of Engine 47, has taken Centerlivre's place as the floor orator of the house. Ever use a soap box, Bobby?

On a recent automobile trip Lieut. Halling of Fire Boat 1 had everything happen that is listed in the book.

McDevitt of Engine 7 has finally purchased a radio set after looking them over for a few years. It is rumored the set was discarded by Honey Morrison.

Speaking of radios, O'Brien of the office claims that his set brought in China a few nights ago. No doubt you mean Chinatown, Tim.

Lieut. Murphy of Engine 42 was seen riding a bicycle down San Bruno Avenue one evening during the past month.

Noonan of Engine 45 is still waiting for the big fire that is going to wipe out the beach resorts. Looks as if you are going to have a long wait, Charlie.

Jones of the Corporation Yard is a bit disappointed with his vacation. It seems Harold expected to get the limit of trout.

Lieut. Ward of Engine 43 is taking up golf. He will have some good instructors in Saxon of Truck 4 and Morris of Engine 28.

Evans, the quiet boy of Engine 39, has frightened all the wild game from the hills in back of the fire house. You would go big on Mile Rock, Earl.

Olsen of Engine 40 is about to become a benedict. You got by a long while, Ed, but it looks as if you lost the decision.

Manning of the Corporation Yard has a Ford that was brewed in the year 1908. Maybe the de Young Museum is looking for it, Ed.

Anyone seeking information relative to airplanes, automobiles or anything, can be accommodated by communicating with Tommy Pepper of Chemical 10.

Approximately \$1226.00 was realized from the benefit given for the members of Engine 4, who were injured while off duty. The above amount should keep the wolf from the door for some time, and too much praise cannot be bestowed on the members responsible for its success.

The lucky number that won the watch was 993, and was held by Butterly of Engine 44. Now that you have won a watch, Andy, what are you going to do with the compass?

It won't be long now. November 5 is the date, and

the big dance looks as if it is going over big this year, so tune up your daisy roots and follow the crowd.

Grant of Truck 9 claims to have found a stream that will furnish all the trout that one can carry. No doubt it is in Alaska, Jim.

Believe it or not, Battalion Chief O'Connor still smokes Five Brothers pipe tobacco.

Laherty of Engine 3 has a launch that will run on land as well as water. Guess you'll have it flying next, Ed.

Sheehan, the cigar expert of Truck 14, is very strong for manillas. Looks like you are strong for the fog also, John.

Sails of Engine 35 is a man of a few words, but according to the boys of his company he stretches them considerably.

The boys of Engine 16 were sorry to see Dornell leave, but appreciated the fact that he left his whiskers to Vincent Reid.

According to Captain Lee of Engine 26 our golf courses are on a par with any in Europe. You ought to know, Mike.

On a beautiful evening during the past month, Captain Collins of Engine 46 was seen standing on the corner of Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way with a box of candy under his arm. Did she show, Jerry?

Connolly of Engine 27, the Caruso of the department, is a great booster of Marion Talley, the young opera star. Dan occupied a front seat when she appeared at the Auditorium recently.

Pengle, the loud speaker of Engine 29, claims the heavier he gets the harder he can hit the ball. No doubt he means when he hits it.

Gibeau, of Engine 31 is sporting a new sport model Dodge six. It's the nickels that count.

Anyone not acquainted with Professor Schnitzel of radio fame can be introduced by Peter Farrell of Engine 7. Pete enjoys the professor's talks immensely.

Ramus is back at Engine 9 after a short detour out at Engine 22. Guess the water looks better than the fog, Vic.

Looks as if the hot stove league will open now that Sprague of Engine 11 is back from his vacation. He claims he caught all the salmon that was to be caught in the Klamath River.

Nothing startling in the line of news up at Engine 15. Looks as if the boys were on the short end of the Dempsey-Tunney fight.

Lieut. Black of Engine 40, who has the only Chinese sedan in the city, is about to discard it for a modern car.

Captain Bertucci of Engine 16, the Valentino of the department, is strong for panama hats. What do you do with your old ones, Vic?

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Schools

Board of Education: Members of the staff extend their felicitations to Miss Edith Hughes of the accounting department upon her recent marriage.

Miss Belle McCuaig of the superintendent's office has been absent because of illness. Her friends hope for her early return.

Members of the office force miss the cheery smile of Miss Katherine Dempsey who has been forced to remain home because of a severely bruised knee.

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Mission High—Wm. J. Drew, Principal, and his family spent an interesting month's vacation in the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Drew reports that the trip was one round of pleasure. Swimming at the famous Waikiki Beach was part of the daily program. They visited many of the notable places among the Islands. At Schofield Barracks Captain Rogers, who up to a year ago was Assistant Commandant of the San Francisco High Schools R.O.T.C. and instructor in R.O.T.C. work at Mission High School, is captain of an infantry company.

The entering freshman class is housed in the old bungalows at Mission High School. Sixteen teachers are instructing five hundred pupils. The beautiful new school plant will not accommodate all pupils who wish to attend.

J. E. Barnes of the faculty returned recently from his second trip around the world. He visited twenty-one nations, passed through a typhoon between Hawaii and Japan, which delayed his voyage two days, and was in an earthquake in Kobe, Japan, which killed one passenger. On his return voyage he spent two months in Europe and was at LeBourget field in Paris to see "Lindy" finish his famous flight.

The Civil Engineering classes have co-operated with civic organizations by developing maps for their projects. A large map, six feet wide by ten feet long was constructed for the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco. This shows the location of all Indian Schools and Reservations in the State.

Maps showing the old water holes, springs, creeks, ponds and the Old Mission of 1840 with other old land marks have been constructed for the school department and local organizations interested in historical data. Reconstruction on a small scale of the original Mission Dolores, the Governor's house and other mission buildings once located at 16th and Dolores were worked out by the engineering students for a committee headed by Mayor Rolph.

Surveys and plans for future athletic fields and parade grounds for the Mission District have been submitted to the Superintendent of Schools. All this work of the students is under the immediate direction of John E. Bale, instructor of Civil Engineering.

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Monroe School—The school is very proud of its Glee Club and Orchestra. There are about 30 members in

the former, while the Orchestra numbers 21. Besides playing for school entertainments, programs were given at the Civic Auditorium during Health Week, before the Excelsior Improvement Club and the Parent-Teachers' Association. This term the first program was given for the inmates of the Relief Home, Thursday evening, September 22, at seven o'clock.

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Portola Junior High—Nine grey shacks in a row border on narrow wooden walks at the corner of Bacon and Girard streets. This is the present campus of the Portola Junior High School. Our neighbors in the Taylor Elementary School, whose beautiful auditorium houses four of the overflowing Portola classes, call us "The Taylorville Folks."

And such we are; 402 healthy, happy youngsters and 18½ teachers who work, laugh, scold, learn, forget, aspire, fail and achieve in a row of shacks. This socialized community has its office, club rooms, science and sewing laboratories, music chamber, typewriting office, wood work and sheet metal shops, and busy academic apartments.

On the corner a half block from our grey shacks, a 48 room Portola Junior High School is more than half constructed.

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The Alamo School—In 1908 a small two room school stood in the midst of the sand dunes on Twenty-Seventh Avenue in the Richmond District. Today on Twenty-Third Avenue, its descendant, the Alamo School, stands in the center of a populous residential district. It commands a view of the Bay, Golden Gate, and the Marin Hills. In the immediate vicinity are the Palaces of the Legion of Honor, the Presidio, and Golden Gate Park.

The school was named after one of the most heroic incidents of American History, the Battle of the Alamo. Its location had been reserved by the city in 1869 for a home for the Associate Veterans of the Mexican War. In 1872 the title was released and reconveyed to the city. After the fire of 1906 the title was legally and again vested in the city of San Francisco. As a compliment to the Veterans of the Mexican War and because of its historical interest the school has been named "Alamo."

At present the enrollment is approximately one thousand and fifty, with a teaching staff of thirty, including the principal. Organized pupil activities are a student body, a school newspaper, an orchestra, and a bugle and drum corps. The "Kay-Pee" Circus (Kindergarten-Primary project) is well under way and will be concluded with a parade in the school yard on September 30.

Pupils of the Alamo School are proud to claim as one of them, Bob Leavitt, winner of the First Prize in the Junior Division of the Lindy League Contest.

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The Nation Joins Our Lindy League

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man, Supervisor Milo F. Kent, Mrs. W. B. Hamilton and John McLaren.

ON the day following the scale model judging, the flying models were put under test at the Golden Gate Park Stadium, Thirty-Sixth avenue and Fulton Street. This was the occasion for selecting the flying model winner to represent San Francisco in the national contest referred to, to be held in conjunction with the National Recreation Congress in Memphis, Tenn., October 8.

On that occasion Mayor Rolph acted as official starter of the races. Dozens of eager youngsters were on hand with their rubber driven or mechanically driven models, according to the classes in which they were entered. There was a good gallery on hand, although the day happened to be a break in the long stretch of ideal weather, preceding and following.

The weather was misty and raw and finally wound up with a drizzle of rain which interfered with complete performance by the 'planes. But the contestants made a creditable showing in spite of the disadvantages they faced.

The winner of the elimination contest to select the Memphis delegate was Ernest Haeusslein, Spring Valley Playground. His alternate was Lee Davenport, Hamilton Playground. The boys tied to the fraction of a second and the final choice was decided by the flip of a coin. Other winners in the flying model division were: Junior class, Lee Davenport, Jr., and Robert Wenberg; Intermediate class, Robert Kemp, James Hayburn and Horatio Randall; Senior class, Ralph Hoeflich, Eldred Seagle and Jack Leavitt.

In some instances prize winners in the flying model division also won prizes in the scale model contest. The rule was one prize to a plane, no matter in how many classes it might be entered.

Winners in the scale model class were:

Best all-round planes: First, Stephen Beede, 17, and Roland White, 16, Argonne; Second, Tony Verlatti, 10, North Beach.

Junior division: First, Bob Leavitt, 10, Richmond Playground; Second, Richard Bowen, 8, Margaret S. Hayward Playground; Third, Earl Justerfson, 7, Mission Playground; Fourth, Charles Hunt, 11, Mission Playground; Fifth, Kenneth Franklin, 11, Richmond Playground.

Intermediate div.: First, Horatio Randall, 12, Richmond Playground; Second, Pasquale Vozza, 12, Garfield Schoolyard; Third, Jung Samuel, 13, Chinatown Playground; Fourth, Neil Bausmann, 12, Spring Valley Playground; Fifth, Donald Drieschman, 15, Mission Playground; Sixth, Emanuel Nelsen, 12, James Rolph Playground.

Senior division: First, Eldred Seagle, Richmond Playground; Second, Jack Leavitt, 16, Richmond Playground; third, Ralph Hoeflich, 16, Richmond Playground; Fourth, Tom Valerga, Glen Park Playground; fifth, George Lerios, 17, Richmond.

Under the rules of the contest the winners were al-

lowed, in their order, to choose what prizes they preferred from the very large number offered. The prizes included, Grand Prize, 2 watches for the best all-around planes in the contest, offered by Mrs. Sigmund Stern, a member of the Playground Commission; nine well-equipped tool boxes offered by the San Francisco Chronicle, four junior memberships in the National Aeronautic Society offered by the society, six airplane trips offered by the Pacific Air Transport, Inc., carriers of mail, passengers and freight, three sweaters offered by The Emporium, one baseball suit to junior winner, one strap watch for intermediate winner and one sweater for senior winner, all offered by Roos Brothers, one merchandise order, offered by the White House.

The prizes were formally presented to the winners by Edward Rainey, Mayor Rolph's secretary, in the rotunda of the City Hall on September 17, the day following Colonel Lindbergh's visit.

On Thursday of the week following the judging of the planes, Playground Commissioner Constant J. Auger, as President of the Downtown Association, invited the prize winners to the weekly luncheon of that organization at the St. Francis Hotel. There, as guests of honor, the boys exhibited the model planes with which they won.

The wide-spread success of the Lindy League idea was a pleasant surprise to the Playground Department, and its staff is justly proud of what was achieved. To Miss Josephine D. Randall, Superintendent of Recreation, belongs great credit for organization, without which the League would have run away from us.

The only cause for any regret is that the girls did not rival the boys in model making. Such work is well within feminine province and it is not unreasonable to expect that in time women will rank with men in this newest and most promising field of profitable occupation. Perhaps the girls were scared off by the fact that the rules of the national contest, announced some time after the Lindy League was well under way here, provided that the city's delegate be a boy. We would have preferred an open field but must bow to the decision of the national committee as our jurisdiction does not extend beyond our own local contest.

And we are more than glad that San Francisco has supplied an idea that has promise of such lasting and far-reaching effect in the playgrounds of the whole Nation.

Homer Warren, staff editor in the Tax Collector's office, is on a vacation up in Mendocino county where he is trying to keep up his record in the field of deer hunting.

Bids were called by the Board of Public Works for Wednesday, September 28, for the construction of an addition to the Paul Revere School. The estimated cost is \$200,000.

Of Interest to Women

by Anita Day Hubbard

THERE is a new vitality in the air. Whether it was the visit of Col. Lindbergh, or the coming elections, or the weather, which at the writing is delightful, or just getting back to town again after the perils of the vacation period, I can't say. But there it is.

Last year was a sort of warming up. Things happened, but only half heartedly, it seems to me. But this season, everybody is "rarin' to go," and when San Francisco gets in THAT mood, there's no telling what WILL happen.

After all, our year doesn't begin on January 1, but on October 1, if you are judging by metropolitan affairs. For a city, the beginning of the Fall season is really New Years. January 1 is along towards the end of the year, after all, and Spring is another beginning, of sorts. But it is in the Fall that the real activity begins.

So here we are at the birth of the year again, so to speak.

THE feast that the impressarios have made ready for us on their musical calendars is versatile enough to suit all tastes.

I notice the Beggars Opera, that most exquisite piece of Georgian frippery, is to be given here before the holidays. When it was here last, years ago after an extraordinary run in London, only a few cognoscenti went to see it during the first week. Then the word got around, and the last performances played to S.R.O.

It was written by one John Gay, and is the grand daddy of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, but ever so much more flippant, and not nearly so legal. It always did seem to me, (here a genuflection to the ghost of Mr. Gilbert) that his early training in law put a bit of heaviness into some of his lyrics. The Beggars Opera is so modern in feeling that it makes the present day "biological drama," as a smart youth of my acquaintance calls it, look adolescent. The last year or so, in the drama at least, we have a series of earnest young men and women finding out the simpler facts of life and getting all upset about it on the stage.

The Beggars Opera assumes maturity on the part of the audience, and then proceeds to a fragile and sophisticated performance compact of lavender and old lace and delicately turned melodies that is positively beguiling. Please pardon the enthusiasm, but really one does enjoy being grown up now and then, and laughing at life seems so much wiser a mood than taking it too seriously, especially when one seeks amusement.

FOR those of us who can run off for an hour before lunch, the lecture that Henry Cowell is giving on October 9 at the Community Theatre of the Women's Building at 11 o'clock is going to be a real treat. "High Lights Among the Moderns" will be his topic, and in-

asmuch as Cowell is recognized as the foremost "modern" composer hereabouts, besides being president of the New Music Society, and a thorough student, the lecture should be well worth while.

On the evening of October 25, the New Music Society will produce a concert of chamber music at the same place, under Ida Scott's sponsorship, with Schoenberg, Verese and Ruggles as the featured composers. Modern music is in the picture, whatever one feels about it and one can't judge without comparisons.

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This is certainly the day of youth, and of a new era in the arts. At the Modern Art Gallery, at 718 Montgomery, a group of ten young artists is maintaining a show, changed every two weeks, of their own work, and with the frank object of artistic comparison rather than selling. During the first two weeks of October Conway Davies, a clever local artist, just back from a period of study in Paris, will show a versatile group of paintings, lithographs and drawings.

During the last two weeks of the month Jacques Schnier, who, with Ruth Cravath has been showing his sculptures at the Women's Building, will have a one man exhibit of drawing and sculptures that should be well worth a visit.

At the California School of Fine Arts a memorial exhibition of the work of Nicolay Nedachkovsky, the young Russian who died before his

work had fully blossomed, is drawing much attention. His color and virility are remarkable and, while his feeling is not ultra modern, it seems to combine the best of both the classic and the modern school. One of the most interesting pieces is a portrait in sepia of Maestro Hertz, and there are a number of excellent landscapes and several other portraits.

CLOTHES, of course are always in the picture when activities are in the offing, and the Opera brought out the fact that San Francisco likes to dress up whenever the occasion admits. The metal brocades and the velvets and sequins that the season brought to the auditorium made a most gorgeous showing, and the promenade between acts had quite the color of the Metropolitan.

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Color, speaking again of clothes, seems here to stay. That is certainly as it should be, for if ever there were a city of color, San Francisco is that city. Not in the outward appearance, perhaps, for even the poet called it "the good gray city," but in the spirit of her people. Now that women have a little more courage in expressing their likes in color, the streets are blooming like the corner flower stands. It is easy to predict that San Francisco women are too chic to become mad.

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A Grade Teacher

(Dedicated to Mrs. Mary Prag)

*She has more children of her own
Than any mother ever claims,
Within her custody alone—
A family of many names,
Of every nationality,
A teacher in the grades is she!*

*This lad now grown, this girl now
wed,
And many more, recall her face,
But they are lost to her—instead,
New generations take their place;
With untrained minds they come to
her
But leave much wiser than they were.*

*A family which grows not old,
A tribe renewed from year to year,
Is hers; through patient hours untold
She molds, with steadfast purpose
here,
Fine women, citizens and men—
Whom she may never meet again!*

—Marion Steward.

Turn On The Lights

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tained by the lighting company. That owned by the city must include the fixture or standard with its lamps and does not necessarily include the distributing system required to deliver current.

Lighting of the city streets is a municipal function and should be entirely under the control of the city.

It has been found impossible for the city to obtain a properly lighted street system under the existing lighting contract with the company. This has been the experience of other municipalities and the general practice now is for the city either to own its own system or else install lights on important streets by assessment under the Improvement Acts. One difficulty of operating under the present form of contract is that the lighting company furnishes all equipment and maintains and operates the lights. The capital account is never written off but is always building up although the equipment is of short life and must frequently be replaced. The rates necessarily include a depreciation charge which the company may use for of replacements but which never results in a reduction of costs or of the capital account. Many public utilities have recognized this fact and are quite willing to have the municipality supply the standards, the company supplying the current either by meter or at a flat rate per lamp hour.

BECAUSE of the short life of the equipment due to depreciation and change in style, this is not a proper capital account to be financed by long term bonds. The assessment against property benefited spread over a short term of years is the right way to finance such an investment.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company now has invested in the street lighting system approximately \$1,600,000 which covers only fixtures and circuits with regulating transformers in substations, but does not include any of the general distribution system or substation equipment, power plants or transmission lines.

It is estimated that a complete street lighting system for San Francisco today would cost at least \$5,000,000. Much of this would be a duplication of existing facilities and investments and would add hundreds of miles of wire and conduits. This duplication should be avoided if possible and I believe the plan I have suggested is a practicable one and should be adopted rather than involve the city in a heavy expenditure for a complete system.

Of the \$1,600,000 invested by the company only a part is for the standards and fixtures and the price to be paid could easily be settled by mutual agreement or by informal hearing before the Railroad Commission, basing it upon the original investment less depreciation, eliminating any useless equipment.

There are now approximately 6,300 lamps attached to the overhead distribution system and eventually most of these should be replaced by a modern type of bracket or pole. The 4,300 gas lamps still in use should be replaced with electric lights and many other improvements made. Until, however, the matter is taken

up in detail and careful estimates prepared it is impossible to give a close figure for the total cost of such a system but it would not exceed \$2,000,000.

AS intimated above I believe such a system should be financed under the improvement act creating a lighting district for the whole city and assessing against the property the costs of the poles and fixtures located on the respective blocks. In this way the cost in the residence sections would be small, depending on the type of fixture now in use or which the city might substitute under its general plan of improvement. Such substitution would always be subject to a certain latitude of choice allowed the property owners. Standards, however, should be adopted and all equipment purchased and installed by the city to keep down the cost, secure competition and also to maintain the proper degree of uniformity in equipment.

I do not recommend installation by the city of conduits and cables under provisions of the Improvement Act except in occasional instances. The general plan should be to require the lighting company to connect up all lighting fixtures to existing mains. The current could then be sold on the estimated consumption of the lamps which is sufficiently accurate and would eliminate cost of the usual circuits and installation of meters.

As I have previously suggested Hetch Hetchy power should be utilized at least for all public purposes and as soon as possible. Without the construction of a distributing system this current could be delivered by the company to the lamps under a modification of the present agency power contract. This should provide that as much current as was necessary for street lighting should be reserved at the New-ark sub-station and not sold to the company. The city should then pay the company the cost of delivering that current, the proper charge to be decided by negotiation or with the assistance of the Railroad Commission.

Such a plan offers a means of securing immediately for the city an up-to-date street lighting system and would provide a large increase in light throughout the city with no increase in the appropriation from general tax funds. It will "make San Francisco the best lighted city in the country."

CIVIC AUDITORIUM

Following is the program for October at the Civic Auditorium:

October 10, Masonic Board of Relief Ball and Reception.

October 11, Spanish War Veterans Banquet and Ball.

October 12, Columbus Day Celebration and Dance.

October 13 and 14, Scouts Celebration.

October 12 to 15, Girls' Recreation (Larkin Hall.)

October 15, Grand Ball of the Loyal Order of Moose.

October 18, Selby Oppenheimer Concert.

October 19 to 30, Food and Household Exposition.

October 31, Halloween Celebration of Y.M.I. and Y.L.I.

The San Francisco Hospital

Edited By Mrs. Mae. H Noonan

THE importance of having a knowledge of Spanish is becoming more and more evident, and certain members of the resident and nursing staff and other employees have organized a Spanish class. General Miguel Ruelas, editor of the Spanish weekly paper in San Francisco, will be in charge of the teaching service. The classes are being held Monday and Thursday evenings.

We were pleased to welcome back to the hospital

from vacation our genial superintendent, Dr. E. B. Frick.

William Park, electrician, is now in the St. Francis Hospital, and we hope for his speedy recovery. John Keville and Tom Roche, firemen, are daily visitors at his bedside.

It is a pleasure to report the return to duty of Clara B. Seaman, statistician.

A male child was recently born in the hospital with six fingers on each hand. Our surgeons have ligated the extra fingers.

Distinguished personages who visited our hospital on tours of inspection were: Dr. and Mrs. Thompson, Houston, Texas; Col. Clarence Fronk and Dr. Clay, Hawaii; Dr. W. R. Chittick, Coronado, California; Miss Campbell and Mrs. Smith, New Plymouth, New Zealand.

It was with extreme regret that we learn of the fatal

accident to Dr. Albert Butterfield, House Officer, Stanford Service, who lost his life in an endeavor to rescue two young women from the waters of Monterey Bay. The body was recovered and sent to the home of his parents at Chino, California, for burial. Dr. Butterfield was a graduate of the 1927 Class of Stanford University. He was an excellent physician and his loss will be keenly felt by all who were privileged to know him.

The following patients have been dismissed from our Municipal Ward: John DeMatei, Board of Public Works; James McElearney, Engine 4; John Sutter, Truck 7; Sergt. O'Brien, and Mrs. Christine Thomas, Public Health Nurse.

New patients admitted to Municipal Ward are: Jas. Smith, Fire Department; Lako Micich and Frank Spencer, Hetch Hetchy; John Vojorich and Thomas Altridge, Board Public Works; James Walsh, Park Commission. We are glad to report that all are on the road to recovery.

By the time this appears the editor of this page, Mrs. Mae Noonan, will be on a tour of the state, officially visiting the following Native Daughter parlors: September 20th, Santa Barbara; 21st, Los Angeles; 23rd, San Pedro; 24th, San Diego; 26th, Glendale; 27th, Santa Ana; 28th, Fullerton; 29th, Long Beach; 30th, San Bernardino.

Miss Freligh, Superintendent of Nurses, is improving, and it is believed that she will soon be able to resume active work in the hospital.

Miss Edith Schenck, instructor in the department of nurses, will resign on October 1. She has been with us for many years, and it is with much regret that we will bid her good-bye.

Chief clerk George J. Plato is on his vacation, whereabouts unknown.

Miss Mary Cassidy, telephone operator, has returned from a very happy vacation spent touring Yosemite Valley and other points as far north as Vancouver.



Photo by Lafayette Studios.

Chicago Mayor is Guest of San Francisco

AMONG the notable visitors who were guests of the City of San Francisco during the past month was William Hale Thompson, Mayor of Chicago. Mayor Thompson arrived on Sunday, September 11 accompanied by a group of his official family and a number of Chicago newspapermen. In the party were State's Attorney Crowe and former United States Senator Lorimer whose names are familiar to the newspaper reading public of America.

The party was welcomed by Mayor Rolph and on Monday, September 12, its members were guests at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Business was halted for most of the afternoon to welcome the visitors and to listen to Mayor Thompson's message

on flood control in the Mississippi valley. An orchestra and a quartet of Chicago policemen travelling with Mayor Thompson entertained the Supervisors and the audience.

In the midst of the reception the Municipal Band of Long Beach, comprising 37 pieces, marched into the chamber and, under the baton of Conductor Clarke, former aide of Sousa, serenaded Mayor Rolph and his visiting chief executive. The Long Beach band was in San Francisco to attend the Exchange Club convention and called at the City Hall to pay its respects to Mayor Rolph. Its rendition of the famous military marches of Sousa made the very walls of the supervisors' chamber vibrate and won the admiration of all who were present.

Abroad in an Almshouse

by C. M. Wollenberg
Superintendent Laguna Honda Home

IN England they say that when a cabby has a holiday, he pays fare to ride in the cab he drives during the week. When I sailed in February for Europe I decided that I was not on a cabby's holiday, yet the habit was there and when opportunity presented itself I could not resist visiting the institutions of other lands and comparing them to our Relief Home. So then in Algiers, Seville, Madrid, Vienna, Berlin, London, and various other cities I visited homes and infirmaries and will try to tell you of some of the impressions they left with me.

All European buildings in their exterior are pleasing to the eye but in the comfort, sanitary arrangements, and conveniences do not compare with our home.

AT Seville, Spain, the almshouse lacks everything that we think makes life worth living, yet the old people seem contented. Our visit was during Holy Week and on Good Friday, at the palace of the archbishop, we saw the ceremony of the washing of the feet of the twelve oldest men of the almshouse by the Bishop of Seville, after which the twelve were seated at a table in the Court of the Palace and served a sumptuous repast by the dignitaries of the church clad in gorgeous priestly robes.

The magnitude of the home in Vienna is unbelievable. It is located at Leintz and houses 6,000 people. Food is prepared in a central kitchen and three electric trains of ten cars each distribute it to the 26 buildings. It takes the superintendent ten days to inspect his institution. The park in the rear of the buildings is beautiful and is provided with many shady walks and benches, yet the old people congregate along the dusty road leading from the street to the office. The superintendent's trouble in this and many other matters of regulation and discipline made me feel quite at home.

There is no effort made to provide entertainment and recreation for the inmates. A social hall, library or day room such as we have are unknown. Labor is cheap in Europe and young able bodied women at a small wage do all the work of the institution. The inmates are employed in making various articles that can be used in schools or kindergartens, such as toys, slates, etc., but nothing is sold to the public. The product belongs to the State. Vienna has in addition some sixteen district homes housing from 100 to 1,000 aged people each.

Berlin's story is very much like that of Vienna. In England I visited four of the 28 "Workhouses" of London, there being one in each borough of the city. A workhouse is a dual institution, a home for indigent people and a hospital. Under the poor laws of England anyone needing relief and a resident of a Borough can be cared for in the Workhouse, so you find many young people, even families, receiving temporary shelter in the Workhouses of London.

TO me it seems criminal to house children in such institutions and the system is bound to produce derelicts and failures. It was interesting to visit the

"Punishments." They consist of "Oakum," "Grains," and "Stones," and are inflicted by the superintendent and physician for breaking the rules, drunkenness, etc. "Oakum," the mildest, consists of picking oakum, "Grains" grinding corn or wheat in a hand mill and "Stones" breaking rock with a small hammer on a rock pile.

Later I visited the two "Almshouses" of the City of Westminster in the south of England. St. John's Almshouses were founded in 934 and the present buildings date from the 13th century. They are of brick, some ten in number, and house married couples. This is probably the oldest almshouse in Europe.

The unique thing about the "Winchester" home for men is that, over 100 years ago, a brewer left an endowment to provide a pint of beer to each inmate each day and also to give the same amount to any wayfarer who knocked at the door and asked for refreshment. The terms of the bequest are carried out, as both Mrs. Wollenberg and I can testify, for on passing this home on the way to take steamer for the good U.S.A. we applied as wayfarers in distress and received the last drink of real beer we will probably have for some time.

Europe takes care of its aged and infirm in providing medical attention and food, housing, and clothing, but neglects the social side of the problem. Recreation Hall, Day Room and Library are lacking, and entertainments, concerts, etc., are almost unknown. Nowhere did we find an institution as well arranged as ours and its inhabitants as well cared for in every particular as San Francisco cares for its wards.

The Merit System

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hold examinations for all places covered by the civil service article of the charter.

The association, in no sense whatsoever, is in politics. It never endorses any candidate for office. But it believes it to be its absolute right, whenever the civil service article of the charter is violated, to call the matter to the attention of the electorate, so that they may see to it that the elected officials who are charged with seeing that the civil service law is observed, perform that duty.

Long experience has taught the "merit system" employees that the interest of nearly all others than themselves, who favor the upholding of civil service laws, is largely theoretical. With the employees, however, it is a vital and practical matter, as most of them have dedicated the balance of their lives to the public service, and, therefore, it is of the utmost concern to them that every right which the charter gives them, whether to retain their present positions or to have the avenue of promotion constantly kept open, is actually accorded to them.

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Officers and men of the police department were officially commended by a resolution of the Board of Supervisors adopted September 19 for the orderly, efficient and courteous handling of the crowds which congregated down town on the day of the arrival of Colonel Lindbergh. The resolution was presented by Supervisor Jesse Colman.

Department of Electricity

By Joe Murphy

THE Department of Electricity picnic was held Sunday, September 18, at Schroeder's Gardens down the Peninsula, and was a great success, especially for the Inspectors, who won the baseball game by a score of 10 to 6. It was a perfect day and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Chief Wiley and Mrs. Wiley and Assistant Chief and Mrs. Osborne were there and took part in the festivities. Chief Wiley donated a valuable gate prize which was won by Miss Lenore Dunning.

The shop men worked hard to make the picnic a success and great credit should be given to Jack O'Brien and H. Kuegler for the way they handled it. Backstedt and Casement should start a hot-dog stand after their success in handling the lunch counter.

The baseball game would have been better if the bats hadn't had so many holes in them for the balls to go through. The inspectors won handily with the assistance of Frank Noonan. Batteries for both sides played a good game. There were other games and sports and most of the crowd stayed until dark. The old fellows like Bill Pennycook and Jerry Counihan went home early. A. E. Cohn acted as umpire of the baseball game and as official starter in the foot races.

Here's the way they lined up at the game:

Inspectors		Maintenance
J. Kamm Foran	8b	Dutch O'Brien
F. Wagner Demond	ss	Spike Reagan
N. Cobb Siggins	cf	Slim Beckstedt
H. Mathewson Gerber	p	Pee Wee Delaney
W. Kling Kennery	c	Red Lead Power
Edw. Collins	2b	Sparky Fletcher
B. Gehrig Weisinger	1b	Shorty Casement
M. Waner Levy	lf	Irish Hein
J. Ruth DeVecmon	rf	Smithy McQuilkin

Subs: Maintenance; Gas Bill Lambert, Sherlock Holmes, Duckie Clark, Kid Duncan, Dan Morgan, Green Lawn, Lizzie Richards, Signal Kugeler, Rough House Wayman. Inspectors: Winifred Roche.

THE greatest gathering in the history of San Francisco which packed the Civic Center to see Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, was able to hear every word spoken from the mayor's balcony through the loud speaker system installed by Chief Ralph W. Wiley.

The chief has always been a great student of radio. His loud speaker system, operated from a microphone on the balcony in front of the mayor's office, made the voice of Lindy and other speakers as clear to spectators two blocks away as if they stood on the balcony itself. Spectators to whom Lindy was but a mere dot were able to hear distinctly every word he uttered and joined spontaneously in the cheers accorded him.

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Inspectors Harold Gerber and Edward Collins returned from their vacations in time to be at the picnic.

Inspector Walter Smith has gone to Pairs with the American Legion. He is being accompanied by Mrs. Smith, so the Moulin Rouge and the Bal Bullier will probably not see him on this trip.

Jack Harrold and his smile have been missed from the office for some time. He is on his vacation, but has kept his whereabouts a secret.

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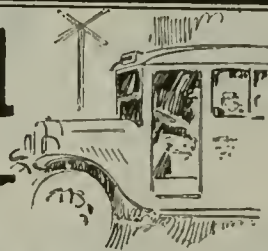
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Municipal Railway



by Edward Vandeleur

THE big event of the coming month for the carmen will be the annual ball to be held on the evening of October 8 at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

The ball is given for the purpose of raising funds for the care of families of Municipal carmen who are injured or who are incapacitated through illness.

Elaborate preparations have been made to make this year's event even more successful than that of last year when the ball had the largest attendance in its history. Arrangements are in the hands of William J. Casey, chairman of all committees. Otto Jacobsen is acting as chairman of the reception committee and Robert J. Connolly will be floor manager.

Mayor Rolph will lead the Grand March at 9 o'clock. The ball will open at 8 o'clock with a program of vocal and instrumental numbers including a short talk by Mayor Rolph on the Municipal Railways. Phil Sapiro's band will furnish the music. Both halls at Scottish Rite have been reserved, the main hall opening on Van Ness avenue and the lower hall with its entrance on Sutter street. This is the carmen's night and we hope to have all city employees enjoy the evening with us.

THE Municipal Carmen's band outclassed all other bands in the big Labor Day parade and justified the pride of the men who marched up Market Street behind it.

Our general "sign-up" will take place October 1, so if your smiling conductor is missing on your regular car after that date you will know he is smiling upon new customers and a new conductor, just as courteous, will be in his place.

Daniel Hanley, financial secretary of the union, has returned home after three weeks in the hospital. Although he had a close call he feels like a new man already.

Ed Welsh is in Ward S at the San Francisco hospital recovering from an accident incurred on duty.

H. J. Foster is at the government hospital at Livermore and is reported steadily improving.

John Carter retired from service on September 17 after ten years of service as conductor with the Municipal Railway.

John Daugherty is reported improving at the San Francisco Hospital. Brother Daugherty is 67 years old and a native son, having been born at Santa Cruz.

Brother J. Murdock, champion clarinet player of the band, is at Letterman General Hospital, recovering from an operation. The members of the band are looking forward to his return.

George J. Lillie and W. R. Hamilton have resigned to accept positions with the Board of Education. Good luck to both of you.

Daniel V. Gates has resigned from the service to

accept a lucrative position. He will be missed by all the boys.

Brother William Gallagher is back on the platform after nearly a year's absence, much of it in the hospital. Brother Gallagher was the victim of a hit-and-run motorist who ran him down when he was placing the trolley on the wire.

Brother George Hastings is reported recovering from injuries received when he was hit by an automobile as he stepped off a street car.

Conductor C. Buhler was the lucky winner of the uniform given away last month.

Brother C. J. McAuliffe is back on the platform and is feeling fine. He has the best wishes of all the boys.

J. J. Sullivan is at the San Francisco hospital and his condition is reported favorable. We hope to have him back at work soon.

Brother Mason, conductor of the Geary street division, is improving at the French hospital.

Henry Rowe is still wearing a cast on his neck and it will be several weeks before he will be able to return to work.

Brother Dixon is said to have inherited \$60,000 from a relative and is now planning to take a three months leave of absence to tour Europe. Good luck, but if he is wise, he'll leave some of it behind. It looks like a hard winter.

Brother D. Riordan has been advised by his doctor to take a leave of absence. We hope he will be able to return soon.

Brother J. Bankson will off a couple of months as the result of blood poisoning caused by a scratch on his hand received while fixing his automobile.

Brother J. Montgomery is reported doing fine, and will return to work soon. The boys will all be glad to see him back on the platform.

Resolutions expressing the sympathy of the Carmen's Union for Brother William Walsh in the death of his mother were adopted at a recent meeting of the union. All his fellow-workers extend to him their sincere condolence in his bereavement.

Delos F. Wilcox of Grand Rapids has been authorized by the Supervisors to conduct a sixty day survey into the San Francisco transportation situation with particular reference to the problem arising from the expiration in 1929 of a number of franchises of the Market Street Railway.

Bids were called by the Board of Works for Wednesday, September 28, for the construction of the track work of the Municipal Railway Judah Street line. This work will cost approximately \$250,000 and is the last unit to be let for the Sunset extension of the Municipal Railway.



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Of Interest to Women

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Whatever San Francisco does about clothes, she does it very well, and the trim mode of the tailleur is likely to persist, whatever the temptation to the contrary. The frocks in the store windows look rather weird, some of them, with patchy combinations of fabric and color and a complicated arrangement of trimmings. But the season is early. And our buyers are knowing. One can predict that the ornate and fussy manner will not intrigue San Francisco. However, the feminine appeal is coming back in no uncertain terms. The robe de style, and touch of lace and the soft coiffures are all tell tale.

Ah, well! perhaps we are growing up.

As an old friend once said to me in warning, these many years since, "My dear, remember that while a boyish girl is charming, a mannish woman is terrible."



PREPARING A PERFECT SALAD

By Martha Adams

Best Foods Home Economics Service

VERY often, when one has strived for a long time to reach perfection, one comes very near to reaching one's goal and then slides back downhill without realizing it. It takes time and application, care and thought, and discretion to make salads well all the time—and every American woman now strives to do that very thing. But when she has come to preparing them rather well, she rests on her oars, and instead of adventuring further, falls back on the favorite combinations she already knows and attempts nothing further.

Once in a while, some ambitious cook sees new possibilities in salads which have long been favorites. One of these is the time honored potato salad which is rarely served on green salad plants, but which has a great popularity none the less. Chicken salad is also sometimes seen in new forms, and very delicious they are, and a great credit to the salad maker ambitious enough to rescue this common type from being done to death.

If you can make a perfect salad, what can you do with an old salad theme, to make it new and interesting? Let us suggest egg salad as an example. Eggs are constantly used as a salad garnish, sliced, but in quarters or eighths, or with the whites chopped and the yolks riced. What more can be done to make egg salads interesting, as well as popularize them as a simple and attractive way of serving a very nourishing dish appropriate to warm weather meals?

For one egg salad variation, use two hard cooked eggs, one-half cup sliced celery, one-fourth cup sliced radishes, one-fourth cup sliced olives, one-half cup ground nuts, and Best Foods Mayonnaise to moisten. This mixture bears no resemblance to the every day dry-as-dust egg salad of our acquaintance. Use four eggs, two tablespoons minced celery, two tablespoons minced olives, and a few chopped Bread and Butter Pickles, combining the ingredients and mixing thoroughly with Best Foods Mayonnaise.

Just before serving, an egg salad may be mixed of four chopped hard cooked eggs, one-half cup of sliced ripe olives, two chopped pimentos, one-third cup of broken nut meats, and Best Foods Mayonnaise to taste, mixed just before the salad is to be served.

Civil Service Commission

EARLE A. Walcott, president of the Civil Service Commission, and James J. Maher, chief examiner, have just returned from a month in the east where they attended the annual convention of Civil Service Commissions held in Buffalo. Mr. Walcott presided over the convention as president of the national association.

At a special meeting of the commission held September 15 a satisfactory arrangement was reached with James G. Stafford, head of the appraisal bureau, as to appointments to the staff of the bureau under the contract with the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Stafford submitted a classification of the employees in his department and the commission submitted a plan of procedure for the appointment of those deemed subject to civil service.

Under the classification nine members of the bureau, including a superintendent, assistant superintendent, secretary-paymaster, two office managers, two field supervisors and two confidential employees are held to be experts. Two other classes of employees engaged in recording construction details of buildings and in placing valuations upon them may also take the status of experts for the reason that the commission has no eligible lists applicable to such duties. The commission also conceded that twenty-five per cent. of the remaining three classifications should be exempt from civil service in order that the appraisal bureau should retain in each department a certain number of employees sufficiently acquainted with office details to instruct newcomers.

THE following examinations have been announced by the commission:

Bakers, Bakers' Helpers, Blacksmiths' Helpers, Boilermakers' Helpers, Butchers, Carpenters' Helpers, Cement Finishers' Helpers, Cooks, Farmers, Firemen of Stationary Steam Engines, Gardeners, Gardeners' Helpers, Hod Carriers, Hostlers, Kitchen Helpers, Machinists' Helpers, Marine Stokers, Milkers, Painters' Shopman, Plumbers' Helpers, Steamfitters' Helpers, Tinners' Helpers, Tinnners' Shopmen, Waiters, Waitresses. Rating on experience will begin October 4. Applications must be filed before five o'clock Thursday, September 29. General knowledge of duties will count 50, relative capacity 20, experience 20, and age 10. Applicants should not appear personally until the written examinations are held on knowledge of duties and relative capacity. Notice will be sent by mail directing applicants when and where to appear

Car Repairers: Saturday, October 8, at 10:30 a.m., in City Hall. Applications must be filed before five o'clock Monday, October 3. General knowledge of duties will count 40, relative capacity 20, experience 30, and age 10.

Plumbing Inspectors: On Saturday, October 15, at 10:30 a. m., in City Hall; filing time closes at noon Saturday, October 8.

Inspectors of Buildings: On Saturday, October 22, at 10:30 a. m., in City Hall; filing time closes at noon Saturday, October 15.

Tenement House Inspectors: On Saturday, October 29, at 10:30 a. m., in City Hall; filing time closes at noon Saturday, October 22.

Surveyor's Field Assistants: On Saturday, November 5, at 10:30 a. m., in City Hall; filing time closes at noon Saturday, October 29.

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Parks and Museums

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are fifteen miles of these equestrian paths in the Presidio and about twenty miles in Golden Gate Park.

The new roadway is being constructed through the middle of the parked space between Funston Avenue and the Presidio Parkway. It will be fifteen or twenty feet wide and covered with gravel.

The California Spring Blossom and Wild Flower Association is sponsoring the planting of a Shakespeare garden in Golden Gate Park between the Academy of Sciences building and the South Drive. The ground has already been broken, fertilizer put in, and grass planted. When the lawn has developed, places will be cut out for flower gardens and trees. Unlike most places of the kind, there will be no formal gardens. An English oak will be one of the trees to be set out, and many flowers and trees mentioned by Shakespeare will be planted. A quotation from his plays or poems will be placed by each.

THE Association already has a fund of \$750 for this work. The money to be raised at the annual Spring Blossom Festival to be held at the Native Sons Hall next April 10, will also be devoted to this purpose.

The San Francisco Garden Club and other organizations joined, on September 22, in planting an oak tree in Golden Gate Park to the memory of Willis Polk, famous architect of this city. Mr. Polk was a member of the Northern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and some of his work was posthumously placed on exhibit at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum last May.

The planting of the second block of the Carl Larsen Park and Playground in the Sunset District has begun. This is the block between Nineteenth and Twentieth Avenues and between Vicente and Wawona streets. The park was given to the City last year by Carl G. Larsen, pioneer restaurant man of San Francisco.

THERE is a wonderful display of asters, snapdragons, and several other varieties of flowers in front of the conservatory just now. These were planted under the supervision of J. Skinner. He and Thomas A. Munro, Superintendent of Small Parks and Squares, also installed the beautiful floral emblem of the Exchange Club in honor of their recent convention here. This piece of floral art is on the terrace in front of the conservatory. It is done in various species of foliage plants of different and contrasting colors.

Ray Johnson and his wife have returned from a vacation spent in the Yosemite Valley. Johnson declares that the Valley is beautiful and that Jupiter looked as big as the moon—a wonderful sight at the horizon at the edge of the Valley. Mrs. Johnson had made a trip there 26 years ago, and while "the everlasting hills are the same," as her husband puts it, there have been many changes in that time.

Joe Hansen has made a motoring trip with his daughter and son-in-law to the Yosemite.

Darby Laydon of the Golden Gate Park gardening force celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary with a party at the Palace Hotel. Many old friends as well as children and grandchildren were present.

George Graham and daughter have returned from a

vacation trip spent partly in Yellowstone Park and partly at Graham's old home in Rigby, Idaho.

Thomas Cody, one of F. L. Slattery's men in Golden Gate Park, has returned from his vacation. Cody is completing thirty-six years of faithful service for the City of San Francisco in the schools and parks departments.

Foreman Slattery has put the Yellowstone Park bull in charge of the buffalo paddock in Golden Gate Park and has transferred the four old bulls to a different enclosure—much to their disgust.

George Garmon, one of J. J. Campbell's helpers, has gone to Amador County on an automobile touring and hunting trip. George promises to bag the limit of deer while in the Sierra.

Jess Eib, one of J. Skinner's men, is another vacationer just returned.

Mrs. Cecelia Cotton, manager of the cafe at the Harding Park golf links, has returned from her vacation.

John Houston is spending his vacation building himself a bungalow on his country place across the Bay.

Foreman Max Foehr is at work on a new parked space with flowering shrubs near the main stables and the bowling greens in Golden Gate Park. When this work is finished it will be possible to see the deer in this section of the Park to much better advantage.

The new zebras at the children's playground will soon be put into training, according to W. V. Belding, Superintendent of the Playground. This difficult work will be in the hands of George Merchant of the Police Department, who has had experience in this line.

Fred Tretheway, the trainer of the elephants at the Children's Playground in Golden Gate Park, is ill with the gripe.

City Attorney's Office

CITY Attorney John J. O'Toole has announced the appointment of Edmond P. Bergerot as an Assistant City Attorney.

Mr. Bergerot was educated at Stanford University and Hastings College of Law, being admitted to practice in 1923. For four years he has been associated with his father, P. A. Bergerot, who was for many years attorney for the French-American Bank, and is now attorney for the Consul General of France and Belgium.

Young Bergerot is very active in club and fraternal organizations. Among other things, he is director of the Lafayette Club, the French Library and Marshall of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. He is also a member of several college fraternities.

The vacancy in the City Attorney's Office was occasioned by Dion R. Holm being appointed Special Counsel to handle the Telephone Rate Litigation Case. Holm was formerly Chief Deputy City Attorney, and his place has been filled by Walter A. Dold, who is now the Chief Deputy City Attorney. Chas. J. McDonnell was advanced from the position of Assistant City Attorney to Deputy City Attorney and Bergerot has taken the position formerly occupied by McDonnell.

The plans and specifications of the Park-Presidio High School are well under way and bids will probably be received within the next couple of months.

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Schools

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Grant School: The Parent Teachers Association of the Grant School has equipped its Primary Dept. through its President, Mrs. Applegarth, with a forty piece orchestra. The department, under the leadership of Miss Howe, hopes to give the P.T.A. a concert in the near future.

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Grattan School: The two B Eighth Grades have formed an International Club. The purpose of the club is to promote knowledge of the customs of other nations, their problems and difficulties.

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Starr King School: P.T.A. held its first meeting of the term September 7. Many new members were enrolled.

The school's Traffic Squad has been thoroughly organized again under Officer Getchell. The boys take great pride at dismissals in being able to regulate traffic at the various street crossings, guiding the smaller children to and from school.

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Visitacion Valley School: Our Parent-Teachers' Association is flourishing, the first meeting of the term having been held on September 4. Officers are: President, Mrs. A. Williams; Vice President, Miss Hannon; Honorary Vice-President, Miss M. Nolan; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Kreipe; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. Rea; Delegate, Mrs. Baron; Alternate, Mrs. Gleeson.

Miss Helen Bielenberg, of the faculty, was married during the summer and is now Mrs. Griswold. A bridge-dinner was given in her honor on Tuesday, September 6, at the Woman's City Club.

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West Portal School: This school held open house Monday afternoon, September 12. Teachers from other schools in the city were invited to visit. Miss Edna Pierce, Fourth Grade teacher, went to Alaska this summer. She journeyed sixty miles up the Yukon.

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Madison School: Better films are being stressed by the P.T.A. of the Madison School. Mrs. William Cohn, President, and Mrs. H. Rosenthal have arranged with Mr. Levin to have pictures shown in the Alexandria Theatre, Saturday afternoons, suitable for children. These pictures will be pre-viewed by the Madison P.T.A. In October the pictures will start, the date to be announced later. A cafeteria under the auspices of the P.T.A. will open in October. At the opening meeting of the term, September 6, 1927, 150 members were enrolled including practically all of the faculty of the school.

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Physical Education Department: Ray Daugherty, acting director of the Department of Physical Education, was an official at Eureka for the National Track and Field meet for Girls on Saturday, September 3 and at the Far Western Championships at Fleishhacker Pool the following Sunday and Labor Day. The department welcomes a new Supervisor for the elementary schools. Miss Mensing, formerly of Vallejo, is taking the place of Miss Bell, transferred to corrective work at Mission High School.

The Public Schools Athletic League Basketball

Tournament is now under way with 1,000 boys competing in the 95 pound, 110 pound and 130 pound classes. Games are conducted on the various Municipal Playgrounds.

The Junior High Schools Soccer Tournament is being conducted at the Golden Gate Park Stadium with all of the Junior High Schools competing.

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Conservation of Hearing: Last term Miss VanDeveer visited thirty schools in this city and tested the hearing of nearly 10,000 boys and girls. Of this number 839 were found to have an impairment of hearing, and 157 were advised to take lip-reading. The chief importance of the test is to find and correct such defects which if left uncorrected may eventually lead to a permanent loss of hearing.

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McKinley School: The children's library of the McKinley School which was begun by the McKinley Parent-Teachers' Association about two years ago, now contains two thousand books. About one-fourth of these were donated from children's individual collections while the remainder was bought with the money obtained from "old paper drives."

McKinleyites observe "Old Paper Day" once each month at which time friends and relatives open their basements and bring forth all the newspapers and magazines that they have saved. During the school year August, 1926, to June, 1927, the total amount of money derived from this source was \$417.41. The last drive of August, 1927, netted \$78.40.

The faculty of the school is very grateful to its Parent-Teachers' Association. It feels that this activity has not only given the children a circulating library within the walls of their own school, in which each has a proprietary interest; but also it has developed a spirit of co-operation and has stimulated a friendly rivalry.

City Represented at Admission Day Fete

MOST of the city hall personnel was at Santa Cruz for the big admission day parade of the Native Sons and Native Daughters. Among the leading lights was Supervisor John B. Badaracco, past president of San Francisco Parlor 49 who acted as aide to the Grand Marshall.

Badaracco rode a spirited steed in the most approved Bill Hart style and drew rounds of applause all along the line of march. Badaracco is a true native son and hasn't missed an Admission Day celebration in twenty years.

Besides its representation from officialdom San Francisco had a big float in the parade modeled after an airplane.

Sid Hester, secretary of the Board of Works, marched in the parade with Castro Parlor.

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The board of health has granted a special leave of absence to Leona True, field nurse, to attend the American Legion convention in Paris.



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time lured by the shining moon to desert studies and figures. And when he had been inside for a time he couldn't resist the urge and he strolled out and took his pipe with him as he walked around the building. But when he got back the examiners exposed their contempt for "moonlight and roses" and docked George three points on his ex. "Of course," the chief said, "we know that George wouldn't crib, but we can't play fast and loose with the rules and a man has to stay in his seat until the job is done." George laughed and said "But, gentlemen, it was worth it. The experience I enjoyed is not to be measured by figures."

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With two exceptions, the feminine element in the auditing department has yielded to the enticement of the bobbed crown. Henry Ingwersen, who presides over all of the desks, explains that his only objection to long tresses is that the wearer, by pulling them down partly over the face, can go to sleep on the job and he'd not know if the work was being done except by a near inspection. On the other hand he steers out of menacing waters by declaring that the two unbobbed ones are as fine workers as can be found in the civil service list. This class of diplomacy explains why the big candy sign "OH HENRY!" has for long had a conspicuous place at the end of the Chief Clerk's desk.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

SINCE the authorities have removed several tons of concrete from Henry Brunner's foot, he is feeling fit to challenge Miss Wills for the championship of Alamo Square on her arrival home.

Charles Burke, the demon fisherman, objects to the Golden Gate Swim as it interferes with the fishing.

Jack Bevans has returned from a trip to Mexico. Jack complains that the water in Mexico is very poor.

Alfred Baptist is spending his annual vacation at Huntington Falls, Golden Gate Park. He reports the shooting good and ducks plentiful.

During his vacation Bill Greeley is visiting all of the beaches of the West—Bakers Beach, Ingleside Beach, North Beach, etc.

Jim Farley has moved into his own home, located on 34th avenue in the "Parkside Warm Belt," from which he has a marine view. Jim says that from the front window of his new home the muscles can be seen in the early evening at Muscle Rock coming up for air.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Walter J. Martenson

THE volume of work in the Civil Department of the Sheriff's office has increased to such an extent that the handling of the work is taxing the office force to its utmost capacity. Not only does the sheriff's office handle about 90 per cent of all papers issued by the Superior and Justice Courts of this county, but it handles monthly hundreds of papers issued by the courts in the different counties of this state as well as in other states. Present indications are that last year's record of over thirty thousand writs and processes will be shattered.

Tom Barrett and Johnnie Bowen, the Siamese Twins,

are contemplating writing a movie scenario with Bill Tierney as leading man.

Tom Kelly changed his vacation activities this year from Seigler Springs to the Russian River resorts, where he entertained a large number of friends on week ends.

Canoeing is one of Tom's favorite pastimes but one of his trips almost ended disastrously this year. While reaching for a cigarette in the bottom of the canoe it capsized. He was unable to save his large catch of fish so he turned his activities to the rescuing of his wife and another passenger.

Imagine Charlie Radebold walking on stilts;
Imagine Billie Carr all dressed up in kilts;
Imagine Dave Power so fat he can't walk;
Imagine M. Keammerling not wanting to talk;
Imagine Frank Burke a spry circus clown;
Imagine "Oinest" Davis the life of the town;
Imagine Willie Geherls a great leader—at craps;
Imagine Buck Heffernan a great actor—perhaps;
Imagine Paul Rissman with hair on his head;
Imagine "Dock" Kiley and Julie Dulleghan wed;
Imagine Mose Lee a great ladies' man;
Imagine Izzy Fox a great eater of ham.

CORONER'S OFFICE

By Jane Walsh

OWING to the large number of deaths caused by automobiles which up to the fifteenth of September totaled 94, Coroner T. B. W. Leland has begun what he considers will be an excellent safety measure. To all drivers who have not occasioned a death during the fiscal year 1926-1927 he is presenting a 100 per cent. safe card.

On the reverse side statistics for the fiscal year are given which show that 101 deaths were caused by automobiles, 32 from auto-trucks, 4 from taxicabs, one from a jitney and one from an auto-bus. These deaths total 139. Of this number 25 were children under 15 years of age.

The coroner feels that by presenting these facts in a personal way to drivers they will be encouraged to co-operate with the authorities to the end that this appalling loss of life may be lessened.



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The Fire Department

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Peter and Peters, the two Lieutenants of Engine 33, are not brothers and are no relation.

Hackett of Engine 34 is kept very busy with his fishing reel patent. Guess it will be the Mark Hopkins Hotel when the royalty starts to roll in, Ed.

Murray of Engine 16, and Blakely of Chemical 5 are back on the job after spending a very pleasant vacation in Canada with their families. According to Joe and Bill the home brew does not compare with the goods Canada offers.

In a recent baseball game between Truck 8 and Truck 13, in which the latter came out on the long end of 10 to 8, several features were noted. Shaughnessy's umpiring was a treat for sore eyes, and his calling of foul balls was perfect. Desmond, the catcher of Truck 8, was a little out of form, being charged with five passed balls and seven overthrows to second, which accounts for his team's downfall.

Yes, we are all wrong, boys. The Cuneo Flats were never torn down, but were moved to the top of Duncanson Street, and at present are occupied by none other than our old friend Albert Saint Claire Morrison of Truck 11.

Lieut. Carr of Engine 5 has it all figured out how to beat the stock market. Look out, Hughie; Ponzi thought likewise.

When it comes to cooking up a mulligan, Captain Collins of Engine 13 is in a class by himself. They say he was formerly a chef at Charlie's Feed Yard.

Lieut. Desmond of Engine 3 cannot figure out why he is called a barber. Looks like a case of lockjaw, Dan.

Bramlett, the big butter and egg man of Truck 1, is a great booster of Parkside. We can remember when you were poor, Dan.

Lieut. Linstead, the boy with the small appetite, has landed in Engine 1 after a very short detour. Guess the garlic has some attraction.

Lutz of the Water Tower is now a resident of the Sunset after spending a good many years at North Beach. Looks like a case of too much money.

Reidy of Engine 6 has lost out as the orator of the house since Richter has joined the company. Wonder if Charlie has told the boys about his uncle's ranch.

Buckley, the clarinet artist of Engine 24, claims to have charmed a snake with his instrument while on his vacation recently. That is a bit heavy, Henry.

Engine 22 has been very busy of late, so that is a good sign that our Sunset is growing. More houses, more fires.

G. Smith of Engine 21 claims the three most important things of an automobile are: Gasoline, oil and a tow rope.

Eckhardt of Engine 20 has solved the transportation problem by taking his high speed Chevrolet to work with him. Hope the rubber holds out, Henry.

Try and solve this one. Schatz of Engine 17 lost his helmet, and the following day it was found in the quarters of Engine 7. Looks like a case for the Detective Bureau, Louie.

Jake, the trombone artist of Engine 1, has a rival now in the Ferry Siren.

The Library

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card. The books are then turned over to the catalog department.

The work of the Catalog Department will be taken up in another issue.

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The branch libraries report that various district papers are being very helpful in publishing new book lists. The Richmond Banner, The Eureka Valley News, the Presidio Heights Press are all cooperating with the branch librarians in calling attention of their subscribers to additions to the branch collections.

The Park Branch is holding a story hour each Thursday at 4 p.m., and Mrs. Parker, acting-librarian, reports that more than fifty children are attending. Besides telling stories, Mrs. Parker has the children play book games.

Miss Pauline Roy, librarian of the juvenile room, is coaching two one-act plays to be presented by the patrons of the children's room during Children's Book Week, from November 12 to November 19. The casts have been chosen from the children, and some very interesting talent has been exhibited. "The Feast of Adventure" and "The Children's Book Shelf" will be presented on Saturday, November 19, in the display room adjoining the Juvenile department, and will be open to all.

A little known but important detail of the service at the Main Library is that of the pages. Every book that is asked for from the stacks and every book that comes off the shelves in the reading room must be put back in its place as soon as possible. In the closed stacks, Ruth Brown, Agnes O'Brien, Dorothy Sweitzer and Anita Cosgrove are in charge. A group of boys consisting of John Burke, Lawrence Clarke, Arthur D'Arco, George Morton and Leo Slattery take care of the open shelves in the reading room. Frank Lagomarsion is page for the Reference Room, John McPartland for the juvenile, James Murray for the newspapers and Joe McKenna is office boy for the Controller and Secretary.

Miss Florence Walker, our genial elevator attendant is back from her vacation, which she spent in motor-ing around the state.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nolan, engineer and book re-pairer respectively also spent their vacation awheel. Mr. Nolan says that there isn't a spot in the entire south that he couldn't find blindfolded.

Municipal Organizations

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dinance, which was declared valid by Judge Crothers March 24, 1916.

Although not a political organization, the members take a special interest in political affairs. Previous to municipal elections a smoker and high jinks is given to renew acquaintance with incumbent city officials seeking re-election and to get acquainted with aspir-ants seeking to displace them. The next high jinks will be held October 19. E. L. Nolan is now organizing a booster committee to support the proposed bond issues.



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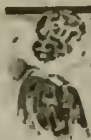
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FOLLOWING is a statement of retirements and payments during August of the San Francisco City Employee's Retirement System:

Retired For Service

Board of Education: Janette Ephraim, principal; Sophia A. Hobe, teacher; Helen F. McFarland, principal.

Fire Department: Rudolph F. Hagen, laborer.

Park Commission: John Weidinger, gardener.

Board of Public Works: John J. Moriarity, engineer; Michael J. Gorham, asphalt worker.

Retired for Disability

Board of Education: Frances Edwards, principal.

Board of Public Works: John A. Ledden, conductor Municipal Railway.

Death Claims Paid

Board of Education: Lillie Kalmuk, teacher, \$1,092.87.

Board of Health: John Maloney, San Francisco Hospital, \$698.39.

Board of Works: William T. Judge, conductor Municipal Railway, \$1,115.70.

Total death claims paid in August, \$2,906.96.

Retirement allowances paid retired members during August \$25,274.55.

Accumulated contributions returned to members leaving service during August, \$4,090.97.

Total payments to beneficiaries, retired members and ex-members, \$32,272.48.

Following is a statement of Assets and Liabilities* at June 30, 1927:

LEDGER ASSETS

Cash	\$ 3,518.94
City and County of San Francisco Bonds	1,415,440.75
United States Government Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds ..	417,335.26
State of California Bonds	167,360.67
City of Sacramento Bonds	341,208.97
Bonds of other Northern Californian Municipalities or School Districts	1,400,351.11
Public Utility Bonds	450,577.78
Railroad Bonds	37,326.65
Accrued Interest	68,034.24
Employees' Contributions in Course of Collection	12,840.67
Account with City and County of San Francisco	23,631.94

Total Ledger Assets

NON-LEDGER ASSETS

Present Value of City's Accumulated Contributions to be Released by Death	\$ 39,865.47
Present Value of City's Accumulated Contributions to be released by Disability Retirement	17,767.57

Total Assets

LIABILITIES*

Members' Accumulated Normal Contributions	\$2,049,939.00
Members' Accumulated Additional Contributions	4,184.78
City's Accumulated Contributions, Current Service (to match Employees' Normal Contributions)	2,049,939.00
City's Other Accumulated Contributions	130,388.16
Present Value of Service Retirement Allowances (Current Service) Granted to Retired Members	99,357.10
Present Value of Disability Retirement Allowances (Current Service) Granted to Retired Members	27,935.57
Ex-Members' Accumulated Contributions in Suspense	141.31
Surplus	33,375.10

Total Liabilities

*The Liability for the payment of benefits granted or to be granted on account of prior service is not included in this statement, except for the item "City's Other Accumulated Contributions." The task of checking the prior service rendered by individual members has not been completed. The exclusion of this liability does not affect the condition of the Retirement System shown in the statement, since the City has definitely assumed the liability for prior service whatever its amount may be. (Section 10, Ordinance 5561, New Series.)

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SAN FRANCISCO CITY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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Adventure In Musty Tomes

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but these ancient archives have no bearing upon present day titles, which are firmly and irrevocably established.

Many of the record books were destroyed in the fire of 1906, but many were saved.

TO the present administration of the Recorder's office is due credit for numerous reforms which have greatly simplified the operations of the office, saved thousands of dollars, and have resulted in enriching the treasury of San Francisco.

For a quarter of a century Edmond Godchaux has guided this department of the city government. The office is run with clocklike regularity and precision. That it is more than self-sustaining is shown by the fact that for the last fiscal year there was turned into the city treasury a surplus of \$23,997.32.

Recorder Godchaux gives due credit to his force of 42 employes. His chief assistant, Charles M. Stolz, has been with him all this time, and during the same period the following employes have served in the office: E. T. Darby, Joseph P. Hayes, R. Kalisky, J. T. Kane, G. M. Schiller, D. Capurro, F. W. Horan, T. J. Martin and F. J. McLane.

John T. Kane, chief copyist, has 22 copyists in his department. He has supervised the compilation of 1591 volumes of 500 pages each of general records since August 1, 1919, when the segregation of records was abolished and all placed in running order in the general records. In former days all recording was done in hand writing; now book typewriters are used.

Recorder Godchaux is head of the Recorders' Association of California, which has succeeded in getting modification of various laws simplifying the duties of recorders.

Great saving in the expense of recording deeds has been effected through the use of printed forms, some 65 in number, following the forms used by banks and title and trust companies. All fees are turned over daily to the treasurer.

Concerning the last annual report on marriage certificates recorded, Recorder Godchaux calls attention to the fact that the total of 6963 was but 124 in excess of the total for the preceding year.

"The clear deduction must be that marriage is a less popular institution in our community than formerly," says the recorder. "The apparent trend is not, it will be generally held, a matter for congratulation."

A RHYMING CORRESPONDENT By Ivy Cerkel, Bureau of Supplies

Since the Editor is calling for some news for this edition

Sister Susie now must hasten to maintain her staff position.

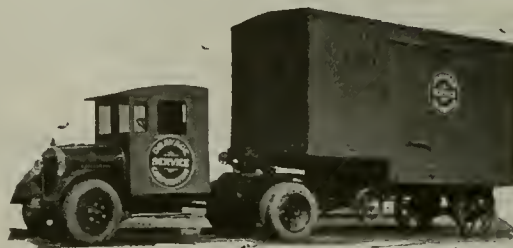
I want to tell you frankly we have had a busy time A'buying nearly everything from safety pins to lime.

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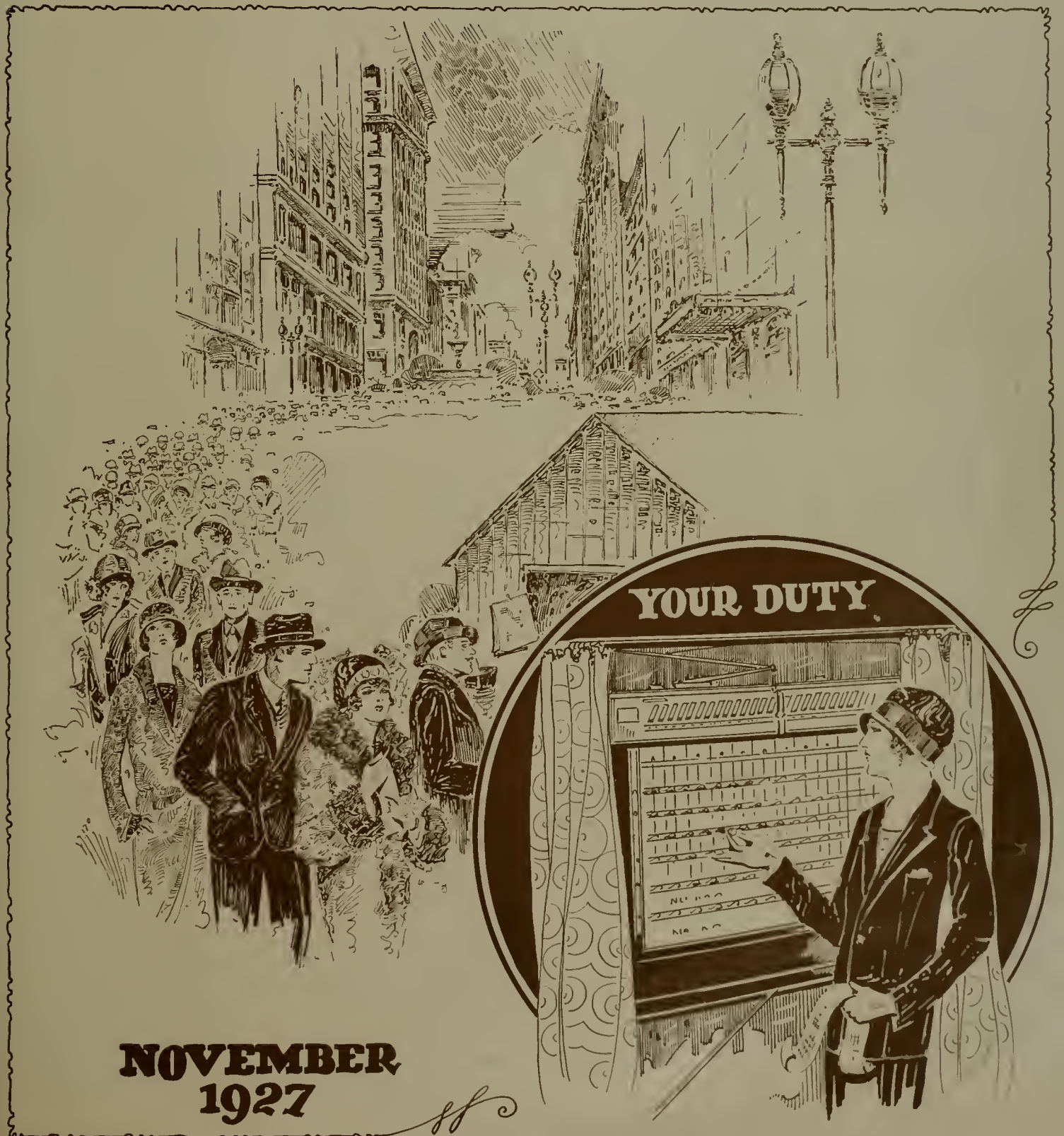
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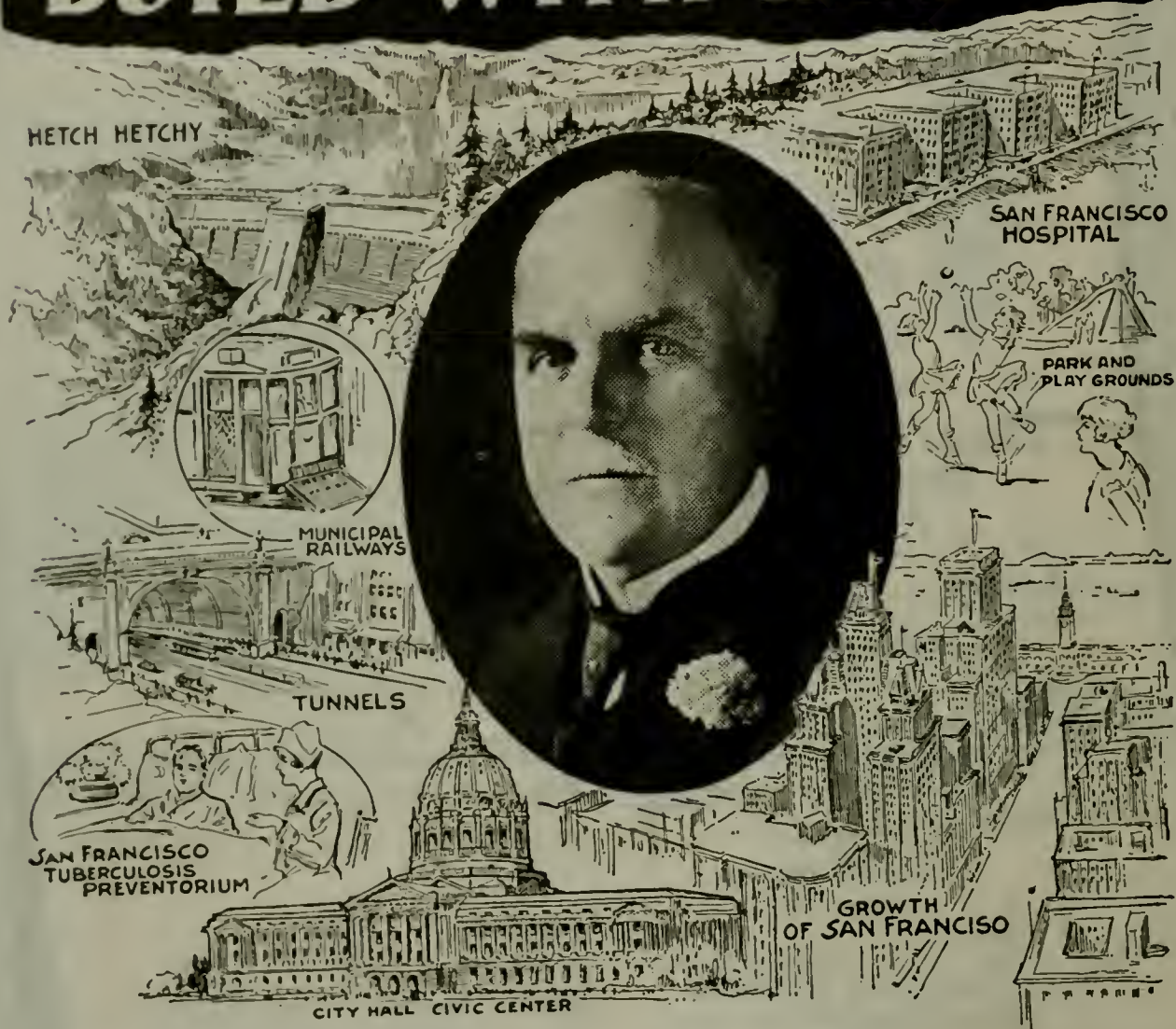
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November 1927

A Busy Season For All

THIS is certainly a busy season for everyone, and more so for those interested in municipal government, what with a major political campaign on, and the guns of political oratory booming to right and left of us. This publication announced in its first issue that it would keep out of politics because it believed that its function was to provide a medium for unification of city employees, and that it had no moral right to involve them in a purely political issue. It has kept that promise, and its publishers are appreciative of the co-operation of all the forty-eight candidates for municipal office who have refrained from asking any compromise with that policy.

In addition to the candidates for office there are on the November 8 ballot several propositions of the utmost importance to the city, and it is fitting that

the official publication of the employees urge their passage by a safe majority.

The importance to the city of additional highway facilities to the southward is so generally recognized that no time need be wasted in its discussion. The proposal of Supervisor Marks, placed on the ballot by the board, calling for a bond issue of \$9,380,000, will help to break down the natural wall which the ocean and the bay have built around San Francisco and which is proving a serious handicap to its growth.

The extensions and additional facilities to be given the Municipal Railways from the bond issue of \$4,500,000 are an urgent necessity. They are discussed elsewhere in this issue by Nelson Eckart, chief assistant to City Engineer O'Shaughnessy.

San Francisco is committed to the policy of public distribution of its Hetch Hetchy power and the bond issue of \$2,000,000 on the ballot to build a transmission line from Newark to the city limits is needed to provide the missing link between the power house and the city. Without that transmission line public distribution of Hetch Hetchy power would of course be impossible.

Among important activities of the past month was the baseball game between the San Francisco city engineers and those of Los Angeles, in which the local boys covered themselves with glory and won the honor of retaining this season the cup offered by the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce. Meanwhile a second cup has been offered by City Engineer O'Shaughnessy to go to the team first winning two annual series. By their victory at Recreation Park on October 8 the local boys established a fifty per cent interest in that trophy.

As we go to press news comes of the death of Supervisor Edwin G. Bath, who fought bravely for a year against an illness incurred while visiting the East in the interests of the traffic survey. As in life he won the love of all who knew him, so in death he wins our admiration for his indomitable courage. Ed Bath was the kind of man who leaves a heritage of love and honor behind him.

Behind the Scenes at an Election

By J. H. Zemansky

Registrar of Voters



ELECTION night—half past six—the telephone in my office rings and the excited voice of a last minute voter inquires, "Why isn't my name on the register? The election officers tell me I can't vote." It is probably the fiftieth or sixtieth complaint of the day. The voter's name is taken, his address checked, and the remedy is applied. Nine times out of ten the fault is with the voter himself. He has gone to the wrong polling place. Or he has not looked carefully enough at the register of voters. His name is really there.

Other cases are quite difficult. An irate citizen comes into the office in a belligerent temper. The fact is, he is not registered, but it is difficult to convince him. The deputy examines the precinct "stub index" where the names are filed by precinct. He then examines the alphabetical file of duplicate affidavits of registration, where every registration appears in exact alphabetical order. Next he goes through the alphabetical file of cancelled affidavits and finally through "void" and uncompleted affidavits. In short he makes a thorough recheck by name and address.

IF that does not convince the citizen that he is not registered, the statistical record is pulled on him to show that every affidavit taken has been duly accounted for day by day, that the office has never lost an affidavit in more than twenty years, and that, if no affidavit appears with his name, it can only be because he did not register within the biennium. To clinch this argument the previous cancelled register is examined and usually shows that the citizen's memory skipped a year or two and he neglected to get his name on the current year's record. At that the more obstinate and suspicious depart muttering that they have been jobbed and they'll never vote for Harry Zemansky again.

We do make mistakes. Out of over two hundred and forty thousand affidavits, despite careful checking and re-checking, a half dozen will turn up election day in the wrong precinct. A Fulton street number will be put over on Folsom street. A Tenth Street number will get out on Tenth Avenue. Or some blunder that seems unexplainable will put a citizen in a precinct blocks away from his home. That these errors amount to no more than one for each thirty or forty thousand affidavits handled speaks well for the efficiency of the system and the carefulness of the clerks.

THESE errors, of course, are immediately corrected. A deputy is speeded to the precinct to make the correction and if the polls are not closed the citizen saves his vote. Few people realize the amount of clerical work necessary to take a quarter of a million affidavits of registration, put them alphabetically in the proper precinct, make an index and a mailing list, send election matter to the voters and get those affidavits to the polls on election day.



J. H. ZEMANSKY

[Photo by Bushnell.]

Election morning some three thousand citizens rise at an unusually early hour and get an appreciation of the movie sub-title "Came the Dawn!" They are election officers who have volunteered or been cajoled or bullied into spending a day in the city's service. Selecting or conscripting a full quota of competent election officers for each precinct is a task requiring a great deal of tact and diplomacy.

The polls used to open at 6 o'clock. This year we start and finish an hour later. Half an hour before opening time I am at my office with a selected group of deputies ready to meet any emergency connected with opening the polls. A score of deputies in automobiles start out to cover every precinct. They remind the election officers of their instructions, assist them in preparing the voting machines for the first voter, and straighten out any difficulties that may arise. All day long these men cover their respective routes, telephoning in at frequent intervals to report any difficulty or receive word of any precinct where trouble arises.

THE voting machine is very simple to operate. But the kind of person who stands abashed before a wheelbarrow because he knows nothing about machinery, is more numerous than one would imagine.

Some people get nervous when they face the voting machine, and, instead of going calmly ahead pulling down the levers over the names of the persons they want to vote for, start to vote at random. They try to pull down more levers than the number of persons to

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By Judge Thomas F. Graham

Where Does The Divorce Mill Get Its Fodder?

MODERN marriages are not failing. When folks spring that on me it makes me weary. Marriages are just as lasting today as ever, and as many happy couples are going down the long lane of life hand in hand as in the past.

Just because a few are not permanent we cannot line up the entire marriage institution and proclaim it unsuccessful. It is indeed the rare case that comes into the divorce courts despite the fact that divorces are becoming more common.

The reasons assigned for the increase in divorces are many. Among them are the movies, too much entertainment, the growth of apartment house life and wage-earning wives.

Criticism of the movies seems to be first in the minds of those who are in the habit of discussing the evils of the day. As a matter of fact the movies are a helpful influence in married life because they provide harmless amusement for the entire family. For \$1.50 papa and mamma and the youngsters can all spend a profitable and interesting evening—and they spend it together.

Strictures against the apartment house are equally baseless. With the growing complexity of life and the necessity of giving more and more time to the diverse claims of our modern civilization it is natural that families should seek the conveniences and comforts of the modern apartment house. Especially is this true when one considers that there are not enough homes in this rapidly growing America of ours to provide for our population. Nearly every young couple that lives in an apartment house cherishes as its greatest ambition the hope of owning its own home.

WIVES and mothers of today who make up our apartment house life are relieved of the menial tasks of house-keeping as our mothers never were and so have more time for their husbands and babies, more time for leisure and study. A fig for this condemnation of the woman who does not carry her own wood and draw her own water from the court-yard well. She is a happier, healthier wife and mother because she is relieved of these onerous tasks.

The truth about phonographs, radios and automobiles also fails to check with the ideas of reformers who rush into print to hold such inventions responsible for shattered homes. In fact they emphasize family solidarity.



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The last fetish is that earning wives destroy home life and pave the way for divorce. Barricaded behind the motto that "Woman's place is in the home," this belief is probably the strongest of them all. Even Supreme Justice Dike has said that when the thought of the home becomes secondary and wives become bread-winners in order to buy more luxuries, the divorce bug flies in the window and buzzes until it gets the couple in the courts.

In my own experience, only once in more than two decades on the bench has the wage-earning wife been the cause of a divorce. And in that particular case there was another motive behind the difficulty—the husband was jealous of some man employed in the same office with his wife. So the simple fact that the wife was earning her livelihood has never yet come under my notice as the basis or even the hidden background for a divorce.

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Youth Wins Its Laurels

By Veda B. Young
Secretary Playground Commission



LEFTY O'DOUL and WALTER MAILS BESTOWING
PLAYGROUND PRIZES

TWENTY-SIX enthusiastic, youthful, baseball players assembled in the Playground Commission office in the City Hall recently on a Saturday morning.

They were bubbling over with enthusiasm, awaiting the arrivals of the two baseball celebrities from the San Francisco Seals, who were to present them with their awards, as winners in the Annual Playground Commission Boys' Baseball Tournament.

How they cheered Frank O'Doul and Walter Mails when they entered the office! O'Doul was recently presented with \$1000 for polling the highest vote as the most valuable Pacific Coast League Player. The real climax was reached when he was recently drafted to the New York Giants. So no wonder the playground enthusiasts from Funston and James Rolph Jr. Playgrounds, who no doubt may be embryo "Babe" Ruths and "Lou" Gehrigs, were there to cheer these stars.

Walter Mails gave the boys a splendid talk and depicted his own baseball career. He repeatedly advised the boys, "not to forget their studies and education in their interest and enthusiasm for baseball."

Frank O'Doul presented the silver baseball trophy, a gift of Mrs. Sigmund Stern, to the victorious teams, their names having been engraved upon it as this year's winners. Then he presented each of the winners with a silver baseball bearing his initials and those of the Playground Commission.

THOSE to receive awards were: FUNSTON PLAYGROUND JUNIORS; Gordon Mallatralt, Jack Crowley, Lawrence Lemanza, Dino Bacceti, George Moscovi, Louis Mori, Elmo Toffanelli, Edward Costello, Frank Guerrero, John Moscovi, Tony DiResto, Americo Anti, Joe Stasiowski, Harold Jacobson. JAS. ROLPH JR. PLAYGROUND SENIORS; William Sheridan, Clyde Mau, William Coulter, Charles Ellison, Edward Noakes, William Russell, Vincent Mohr, Albert Lamar, Will Greaves, Melvin Petterson, Jack McDonald, Henry Peterson.

What a host of questions followed, and what splendid helps and hints were given by our special visitors! Then the grand finale came when the photographers assembled the group on the steps of the City Hall and took pictures of these experienced players in the midst of an admiring assemblage of playground boys.

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A volley ball tournament for playground girls of 12, 13 and 14 years of age has just been announced.

The first game of the series is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, November 5, 1927. A great deal of interest is expected in this tournament since our last Girls' Volley Ball Series was held two years ago.

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A boys' basketball tournament for playground boys has also just been announced. The divisions include 95, 110, 120, 130 and 145 pound teams. The first game of the series is scheduled for Saturday November 5th, 1927, at 10:45 A.M. Unquestionably there will be a great many boys participating in this tournament for it never fails to arouse great enthusiasm.

IT is incredible, not only to the casual observer, but to one who is especially interested in recreational development, to realize the marked growth that has taken place in the San Francisco Playground Department since the Commission's inception in 1907. Just twenty years ago the playground department's appropriation was \$10,000 for the fiscal year 1907-1908. There were but two playgrounds then, with a yearly attendance of approximately 125,000 children. Since then the department's appropriation has increased to approximately \$378,000 annually which is to meet all expenses of the department including operation, maintenance and supervision of the present playgrounds, and purchase of new sites. The department operates 19 playgrounds, 8 schoolyard playgrounds, a club house for basketball practice, a summer camp at Mather, and two outdoor swimming pools.

Many who read this article will be anxious to know the name and location of the playgrounds as well as the names of the directors who supervise the grounds. Therefore the list with the names of directors appears below:

EXCELSIOR PLAYGROUND, Russia and Madrid Sts., Adele Byrne, Julius De Meyer.

HAMILTON PLAYGROUND, Geary and Scott Sts., Frances Ware, Marie Fox, Oliver Germino.

M. S. HAYWARD PLAYGROUND, Golden Gate Ave. and Laguna St., Grace O'Brien, Girls' Side; Ralph Marron, Boys' Side.

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The Cup Winners

By
C. H. Stern



THE City Engineer's Baseball team defeated the team of the Los Angeles City Engineer's office on Saturday, October 8 in what proved to be a tough game. By its victory the local nine becomes the holder for this season of the perpetual trophy offered by the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce in the Pacific Coast Engineer's League and also establishes a fifty per cent claim to the new O'Shaughnessy cup put up by City Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy. The latter cup goes to the first team in the league which is the winner of two annual series.

After retiring the Los Angeles boys in one two three order in the first half of the first inning, Chief O'Shaughnessy's men started pounding the ball and before they were retired they had piled up eight tallies on Art Fromme, the former New York Giant pitcher, who handled the sphere for the visitors.

From then until the fourth inning neither side scored, but in the fourth frame the Angels woke up with a bang. Four hits, some of them lucky, and a couple of close decisions brought in five runs for the Los Angeles boys. The southern engineers kept pecking at that three run lead, bringing in a run each in the fifth, sixth and seventh frames and tying the score. Bietler, who had replaced Fromme in the first inning, had tamed the engineers from the city that knows how and had allowed only three hits. From the way the southern gentlemen were going it certainly looked like a tough winter for San Francisco.

BESIDES the splendid pitching of Bietler, the local boys had become over-anxious as the game progressed, and, try as they would, were unable to get another run over the pan. However, in the last of the eighth they managed to get their feet back on earth when two hits and a walk put the cookies in the can. The three Angels up in the ninth fanned and the two silver cups were safe for a year.

The Los Angeles team and rooting section was met at the Southern Pacific depot by a reception committee from Chief O'Shaughnessy's office and was paraded along the water-front and thence up Market street in twelve machines accompanied by two traffic



CHIEF O'SHAUGHNESSY AND HIS TROPHY

Photo by Chaffee.

cops. After a short stop at the Whitcomb hotel the visitors were taken to the City Hall where they were welcomed in the chambers of the supervisors by Mayor Rolph and Chief O'Shaughnessy. City Engineer Shaw of Los Angeles responded.

THE Los Angeles visitors were then conducted on a tour of the City Hall and the down town district before being taken to the hotel for lunch. They were then escorted to Recreation Park where both teams warmed up until 2:30 o'clock.

Chief O'Shaughnessy opened proceedings with a talk to the fans and was followed by Mr. Shaw and then by Mayor Rolph. The mayor then donned a baseball cap, divested himself of his coat and shot the first ball of the game over the bag to Chief O'Shaughnessy, who picked it deftly off the bat for strike one.

After the game, the visitors were taken back to the hotel where they were given leisure to prepare for the banquet at a down-town hotel which started at 7:30 p.m. Covers were laid for 110 persons with our amiable friend Dick Fitzgerald acting as toastmaster. Chief O'Shaughnessy presented a silver loving cup to the Los Angeles team on behalf of the local boys as a token of good fellowship and expressed the hope that the inter-city sports relationship would promote a more friendly feeling between the peoples of the two cities.

CITY Engineer Shaw of Los Angeles responded and he was followed by Tim Reardon, President of the Board of Public Works, and assistant City Engineers Davidson and Evans of Los Angeles.

Considerable entertainment was arranged during the talks and afterwards and the party did not disband until—well until it was all over.

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Oddities In The Assessor's Office

HUMAN emotions and the pocketbook are supposed to be strangers to each other. In an excess of emotional expression a man will throw to the winds all thought of cost, and even misers have been known to give their gold when life at last reaches in and softly touches their hearts.

One would think there was little chance for the expression of the softer side of life in so calculating a business as that of assessing property in a city like San Francisco, and yet the men and women who line the counters in the office of Assessor Russell L. Wolden know different.

There are some of us who purposely forget to count in the radio or the Victrola when we fill out our annual statements and who turn in reports which indicate that our homes are furnished with no more than a gas stove and a kitchen table. And then there are some who take a personal pride in paying taxes on their possessions and who would be offended at the thought of omitting from their declarations a single one of their prizes.

Records of the assessor's office show that scores of women include in their declarations their apartment house cats and canaries and Pekinese dogs. Many a yellow cat is down for a good round figure and its owner glad indeed to pay a tax on its supposed value.

Not long ago a woman appeared and declared a canary as one of her most treasured possessions. She paid the personal property tax and went out happy only to return an hour later to demand a rebate with the sad story that the canary had escaped during her absence.

Household pets are not the only living things on the big books in the assessor's office. Scores of goats and of course horses, cows and pigs appear therein. Mayor Rolph every year declares his kennel of blooded dogs.

THE strangest declaration on record, however, was that of a proud young mother who included in her statement two bouncing babies.

"They certainly are my personal property," she told the clerk, "and more valuable than anything else I have, even my husband." She declined, however, to put a monetary value on them for the reason that they far transcended in value any amount in dollars of which she was capable of thinking.

The personal property statements must be filed in a rush that would put to shame a bargain counter stampede. The law requires that taxpayers shall appear personally and swear to their statements, but a wife is permitted to appear and swear for her husband or vice versa. The general result is that the the spring of each year. On the first day there is usually swearing and filing is largely left to the housewives.

The biggest day the local office ever experienced was on March 15 this year when 7,640 persons appeared during the day and filed their statements. From opening time until midnight the office was jammed to the doors and more than 200 permanent and temporary clerks were glad to call it a day when the doors were locked.

There are 50 permanent attaches in the assessor's department, but during the busy season, between the first Monday in March and the first Monday in July about 200 extra clerks are employed. These are taken from the general clerks' list of the civil service. They receive the personal property statements and administer the oath to those declaring their holdings. Many of the callers don't know what it is all about and must have explained to them in detail



[Photo by Bushnell.]

what they are required to do. For those who are unable to speak the English language interpreters must be provided.

The first important job of the year is to get out the personal property statement blanks and mail them to all those possessed of personal property. Thus, in 1927, statements to the number of 201,623 were delivered. This is almost double the number in 1917 when 121,000 statements were delivered. In 1917-1918 the assessment roll totaled \$554,456,505 and in 1927-1928 the figure was \$783,771,568, an increase of 40 per cent in ten years.

In fact the activities of the assessor's office serve as a barometer of the growth of San Francisco. New buildings call for new appraisements and additional map work. Buildings torn down or destroyed by fire require similar extra work. New subdivisions require new appraisements.

A lively real estate market means more changes of owners' names on the block books and more reappraisals. A depressed real estate market lowers values, and then it is that the assessor receives complaints of

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In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi

IN commemoration of the seven hundredth anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, after whom the city of San Francisco was named, a program of appropriate ceremonies has been arranged by a group of prominent citizens to be given on the evening of November 22 in the Civic Auditorium.

All over the world this year people, irrespective of creed, have arranged for formal memorials in commemoration of the passing of "the little brother Saint Francis." It was deemed particularly appropriate that the City of San Francisco should be first among those to arrange for a public ceremony in honor of its patron. Following an appeal to the Board of Supervisors made on September 27 by Dr. Frederick W. Clampett, a resolution was adopted authorizing the mayor to appoint a citizens' committee of which the Honorable James D. Phelan was named chairman.

The program for the evening is still incomplete as this is written. In order that the people of the city, and especially the children, shall become better acquainted with the life of the holy man, a list of ten prizes has been offered school children for the best ten essays on the subject of "Saint Francis of Assisi, Lover of Man." The essays are limited to 1,000 words each and must be in the hands of the committee by October 31. Dr. Clampett has been made chairman of the essay contest committee. The winning essay will be given a prize of \$250 and the second a prize of \$100. Eight additional prizes of \$20 each have been offered. Besides receiving a cash prize, winners of the contest may have their essays published in the souvenir booklet to be distributed at the centenary.

"It is not hard to discover the reason that inspired this large committee of citizens in giving to our youth such an honorable place in this celebration," writes Dr. Clampett. "In memorializing the death of a man whose name our city bears, it was felt that the supreme object of such a memorial would be to perpetuate in the hearts of our youth the nature of the qualities that made Saint Francis an outstanding figure in the world.

"In this way it was agreed that the celebration might assume a permanent form in sending our youth forward with newly formed ambition and zest in the complex life awaiting them. Now the most splendid feature of this celebration is the broadness it has inspired. Creeds and dogmas are forgotten in doing honor to greatness as expressed in one of the most remarkable lives of the ages."

The youthful Francis Bernardone was absorbed in a life of pleasure until his capture and imprisonment during a bitter struggle between the towns of Assisi and Perugia. He was then nineteen years old. Out of this imprisonment and two serious illnesses which followed there came an awakening to a nobler life. He renounced his past follies and, despite the bitter opposition of relatives, consecrated himself to the service of his fellow man. During the succeeding twenty years, or until his death in the "Portiuncula," he earned for himself the title of "lover of man." He displayed a holy enthusiasm in the pursuit of his sacred cause and gave the world an object lesson in self-effacement and courage. Above all he knew and taught that forgiveness and charity are the true salvation of men and kingdoms in this mortal sphere.

The spirit of Saint Francis is nowhere so faithfully pictured to the world as in the fresco of Giotto in the Lower Church of Saint Francis in Assisi, depicting the mythical wedding of Saint Francis with Lady Poverty. A portion of the fresco is reproduced here



GIOTTO'S FRESCO DEPICTING THE MYTHICAL WEDDING OF SAINT FRANCIS AND LADY POVERTY

through the courtesy of Mr. Umberto Olivieri. It depicts the world, as symbolized by the figure in the foreground, ever ready to throw stones at poverty, her feet in thorns, while even the dogs bark at her. Giotto's fresco, of which this is but the central group, is known and loved by all who know the holiness and saintliness of the life of its main figure.

The London Observer says: "Saint Francis was wedded to an idea, the Lady Poverty, and with every natural gift for human happiness in the ordinary sense, he renounced all the material joys and possessions of this world. He made his life a self-crucifixion in honor of the Crucified."

Parks and Museums

Edited by W. M. Strother

THE small matter of planting 140,000 tulip bulbs is one of the details that has lately been receiving the attention of Superintendent of Parks John McLaren and his assistants. Of this total number to be set out in all the city parks, 20,000, the gift of the Associated Bulb Growers of Holland, are being planted under the direction of Thomas A. Munro, Superintendent of Small Parks and Squares, at the Civic Center, and about 55,000, under the direction of Foreman J. Skinner, in front of the conservatory in Golden Gate Park. There will also be a large number in Union Square.

The bulbs are dipped in a solution of red lead before being planted, in order to keep rodents and other vermin from attacking them. The tulips will be in full bloom before Easter time.

AN interesting scientific discovery in Golden Gate Park has been announced by Mr. McLaren. This is the finding of well-preserved pieces of wood at a depth of 220 feet below the surface of the ground, in a well being bored near the headquarters of Engineer Gerard Burgett at the water works near Funston Avenue and Lincoln Way. Mr. McLaren states that no artificial filling has been done in this location during his connection of forty years with the parks. His theory is that centuries ago the adjoining hills were covered with timber, which burned down, leaving the sand to the mercy of the winds. Thus the remains of the forest were covered up to the present depth.

This theory agrees with the opinion of Leo G. Hertlein, assistant curator of the department of paleontology of the California Academy of Sciences, who visited the well and examined the location. He says

the wood belongs to a post-pleistocene period, that is, it is later than the glacial epoch and is of "recent" date: this, to a geologist, would imply in the present instance, that the trees were growing probably less than 50,000 years ago.

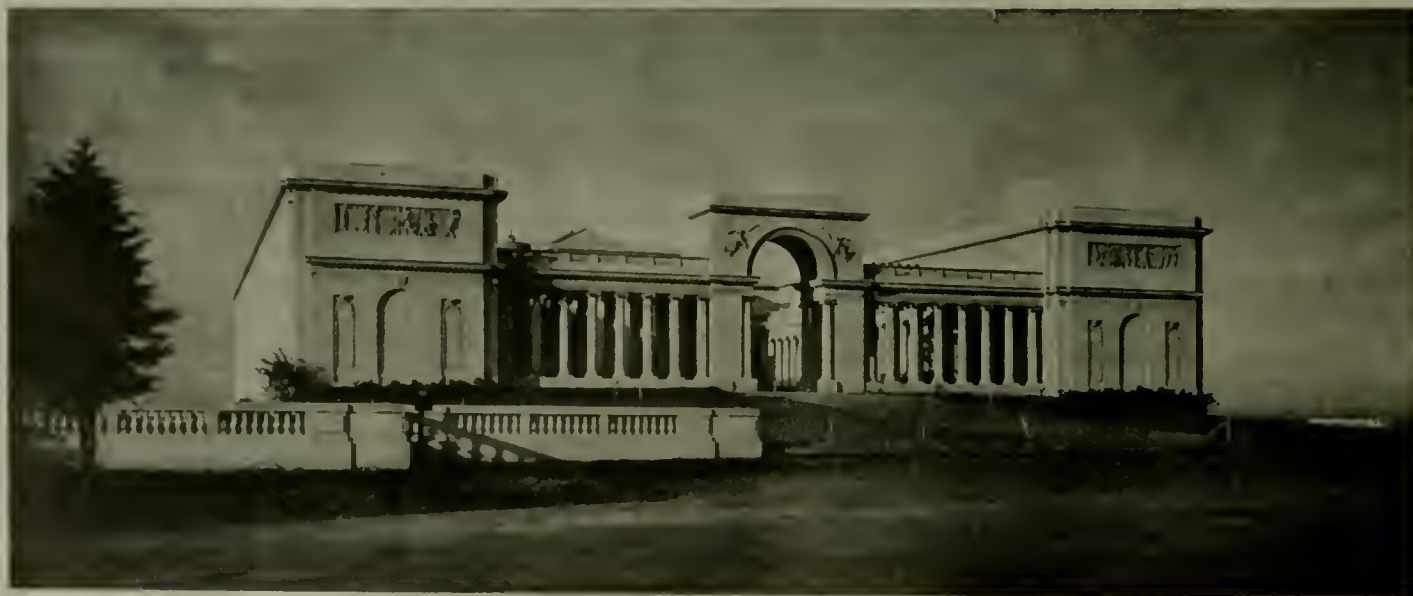
Miss Alice Eastwood, curator of botany of the Academy of Sciences, examined the pieces of wood and said that, while it is impossible to identify them, the grain of one piece looked like curly redwood. No stone, pebbles, shells, nor bones were encountered in boring the well.

THE trees sent by the governors of the various states for planting in the Golden Gate Park grove in memory of the mothers of the sons and daughters of all wars of the United States, are arriving daily. The idea of planting such a grove originated with Mrs. Lucretia I. Henkel of Seven Pines Circle No. 3, Ladies of the G. A. R., and the Mayor has appointed a committee to cooperate with other committees from various veterans' organizations in fulfilling the plan.

The site selected by Superintendent McLaren and the others interested lies on the Sunset District side of the Park, between the Park South Drive and Lincoln Way, and East of the drive that enters the Park at Twenty-Fifth avenue. A large number of trees has been received and these have been "heeled in" at the nursery by Nurseryman Peter Rock to await the final planting. It is anticipated that the dedication of the grove will take place some Sunday in the present month.

The California Grand Court of the Foresters of America has installed a memorial fountain at the children's playground in Golden Gate Park. It is inscribed

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THE CALIFORNIA PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR

The Municipal Railway Bond

By N. A. Eckart, Chief Assistant City Engineer

ON November 8 there will be submitted to the electorate a proposition to incur a bonded indebtedness of \$4,600,000 for the construction of a number of extensions and improvements to the Municipal Railway System.

The purpose of this article is to outline the proposed extensions and improvements and to tell something of the accomplishments of the Municipal Railway during its fifteen years of existence as an index of what we may expect as a result of the construction of the proposed extensions if the current bonds are carried.

The routes covered by the several extensions are as follows:

The Marina Line: This line will be an extension of the "F" line from Scott Street, out Chestnut to Divisadero, thence northerly to Beach street, where a loop will be made to Scott, to Jefferson, to Beach, and back to Divisadero. This extension will provide a much needed service to the Marina tract, also serving the Fine Arts Building and the Yacht Harbor.

The Balboa and Turk Street Lines: The Balboa line

will connect with the municipal railway tracks on Masonic avenue, thence westerly out Turk street to First avenue, and thence out Balboa to 33rd avenue, where it will connect with the tracks of the existing "B" line running to the ocean. Provision is made in the bond issue for the construction of a viaduct from 22nd to 24th avenue, or for a grade revision, whichever would prove most feasible. Initially the Balboa cars will be routed over Masonic Avenue and down Geary street. The Turk street line provided for in the bond issue will connect with the proposed Balboa line at Turk and Masonic Avenue and extend down Turk street to Market, and will provide for a direct service from the beach, over Balboa street and Turk street, and Market street to the ferry. The Market Street Railway is operating a single track line on Turk street at the present time, the franchise for which will expire in 1929, and the estimate includes funds for either the purchase and reconstruction of the existing trackage or the construction of new tracks on this street.

The Sunset-Parkside Connection: This will provide a cross-town connection in the Sunset district between the Judah street line now under construction and the Taraval street line. It is not the intention to construct this line until such time as the growth of the district will support the service. The exact route will not be determined until developments warrant.

The Taraval Street Extension: This will connect with the existing Taraval street line at 46th Avenue, and extend southerly to Wawona, looping thence to 47th, to Vicente, and back

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ABOVE:
THE WESTWOOD PARK
DISTRICT BEFORE THE
MUNICIPAL LINES
BROUGHT IT STREET
CAR SERVICE.



BELOW:
THE SAME VIEW
TODAY

Sheriff Thomas F. Finn

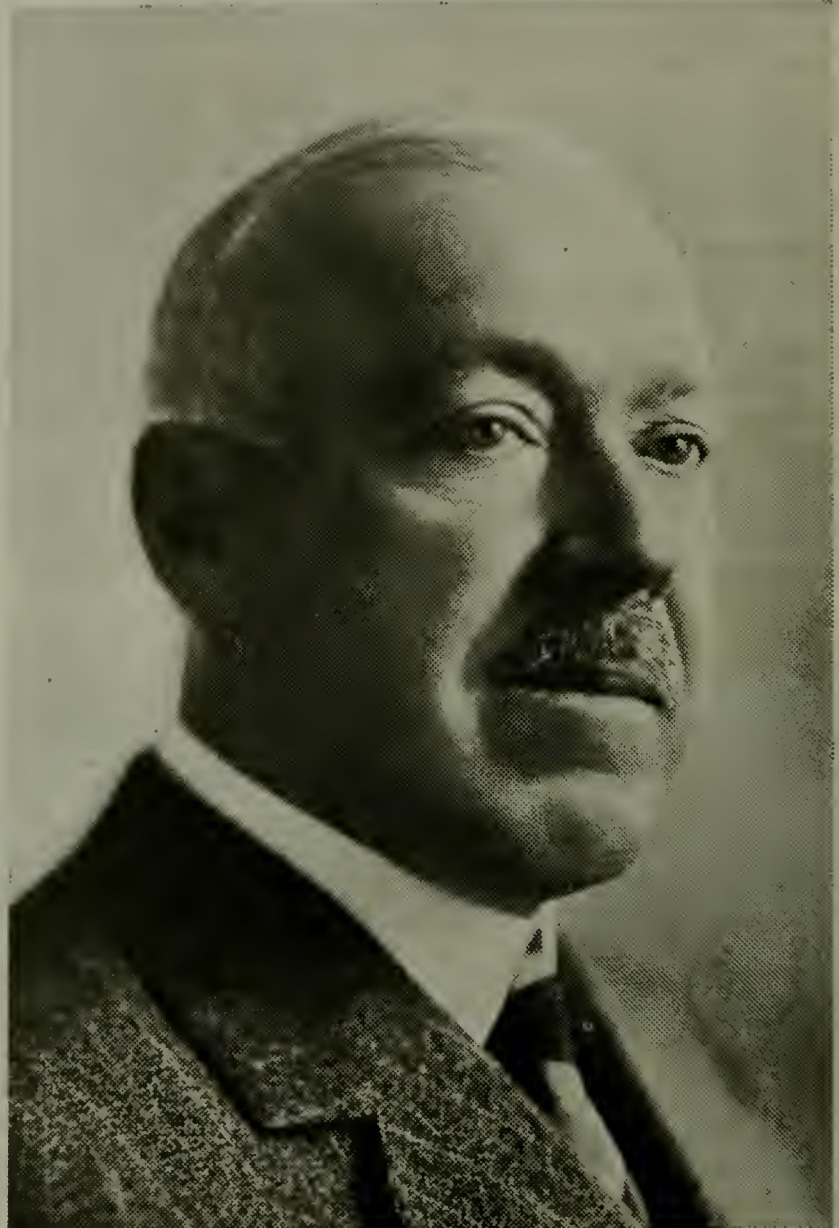
SHERIFF THOMAS F. FINN of San Francisco has served four terms as sheriff of said City and County. Few men in public life have held as many offices as the sheriff. A member of the legislature, both Assembly and State Senate, for several terms; also served as supervisor, police commissioner, fire commissioner and under sheriff in San Francisco. For many years he was chairman of the Committee on Prisons and Reformatories of the State Senate and fostered numerous measures advocating prison reforms. In those days they were only pioneering in the work and were beginning to realize that prisoners were not inspired to their bad deeds by evil spirits, but were human beings and must be treated as such.

The county jails under the sheriff's administration are models of neatness and are conducted on an honest and economic basis. The entire jail system of San Francisco has been revolutionized. No criticism can be offered regarding the management. There are no abuses. Drug scandals, parole scandals and jail graft are entirely lacking. Hospitals have been established within the jails. At county jail No. 2, where misdemeanor prisoners are confined, many acres are devoted to vegetable gardens, where the prisoners are given an opportunity to work in the fresh air, thus not only affording them healthful employment, but by their labor saving a material amount on food stuffs.

From county jail No. 3, where female inmates are incarcerated, male guards have been entirely removed. It is entirely managed and guarded by women officers, which has proved a success.

There is a large civil department in the sheriff's offices, where the work has increased almost five fold during this sheriff's administration.

The sheriff has additional duties



ies in transferring of inmates to State institutions, viz., prisoners to the State's prisons, boys and girls, wards of Juvenile Court, to reformatory schools, as well as all insane persons to state hospitals and delinquents and feeble-minded to other institutions.

At the last meeting of the Sheriffs Association of the State of California at Sacramento, Sheriff Finn was elected president of the State Sheriffs Association. He takes a keen interest in the work

of the sheriffs and all other peace officers associations with which he associates. He is a sheriff who believes there is some little good in every person, and that the day of committing young men to jail and leaving them to work out their own way without resources even when discharge is past; that something must be done for the discharged inmate of an institution to rehabilitate him and keep him from returning to his old environment and associates.

Bureau of Engineering

Edited By Carl Stern

IT IS rumored that Miller Huggins, manager of the world's champs, is scouting the City Engineer's office on the trail of a new catcher.

It is rather a strange coincidence that, after making such a fine showing behind the bat, Chief O'Shaughnessy should be away as this is written. Maybe somebody has beaten Huggins to him.

Has everybody noticed the big gobs of sunshine we have been having lately? The answer is that Genevieve "Sunshine" Smith is back at work after an enjoyable vacation in the south. The entire Bureau is again enjoying her smiles.

Wow? Right off the shoe tops. Did you see Caesar Manelli pick them up and put them down when he went after that Texas Leaguer at Recreation Park? He sure stopped two runs from going in and saved the game.

Several members of the Los Angeles team said they were given such a fine time that they were going home to get their clothes and then come back here. These local engineers sure know their "cup" cakes.

Miss Sullivan is now back from her trip to New York. Don't crowd, "injinners." It is rumored we have a new male resident in San Francisco now. He is from New York also, so all the drafting slaves may get out of line and go to work.

It was a good game, but when the score said 8000000 to 0005111 somebody was heard to remark, "Wouldn't it be nice if Los Angeles made three or four more runs to make it a little more even. No, sister, it wasn't eight million to five thousand one hundred and eleven.

Bill Buckley had his first night out since becoming a benedict. Maybe the eats at the banquet were the lure. Maybe?

The Big Silver O'Shaughnessy Cup is sure a beauty and the boys are going to make every effort to keep it here.

Committee meetings, committee meetings, committee meetings! Dog Houses, Dog Houses, Dog Houses. Nuf sed.

If anybody has a printing bill to pay, see Gonniff Glick first, but I want to go along.

Joe and Mrs. Meyerink have returned from a month's vacation, also in the Sunny South. They had a wonderful time and work is now a pleasure.

John Hanson, embryo aviator and able draftsman, took his first flight at the Airport recently. When landing, a ground man asked "Where you going?" Mr. Hanson, E. A. A. D. replied "We ain't going nowhere, we just came from some place."

Captain Scroggy, efficient inspector and nemesis of the City Construction Company, has returned from his vacation at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, where as Captain of a U.S.A. Cavalry unit he put the boys and nags through the paces. He is looking fine, but complains that his feet bother him, due to his eating hard tack and beans while standing.

Dick (Oklahoma) Reddington was the successful bidder for the grandstand concession in "Chips" Schultz's back yard. Reddington should become one of our biggest butter and egg men from his profits. A good time will be had by all who attend the Schultz entertainments, and for those who are unfortunate "shut-ins" there may be broadcasting. The Schultz mansion was visited by three burglars one Saturday morning at four o'clock, and was on fire the following afternoon at 5:30. The ensuing visits of the Police and Fire Departments furnished refined entertainment for the neighborhood free of cost for the first showing.

Ben Baird, our happy printer and glorified member of Sigma Psi, was the center of a large crowd of bathing beauties every day on the beach at Santa Cruz during his summer vacation.

Doc Johnson spent his usual successful fishing trip in the High Sierras.

L. B. Cheminant has returned from an extended fishing, hunting, and travel trip up through Hetch Hetchy and Mono districts and what stories!—Fish so big no hook could hold them, and so vicious as to attack the fisherman before he reached casting distance.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended by the members of the Bureau to Mrs. A. D. Phares on the loss of her husband. Gus was in the employ of the bureau for 20 years, and from the start was recognized for his wonderful mathematical ability. His willingness to help and assist any one endeared him to the hearts of all. Conscientious and faithful attention to his duties has left an enviable record, and his vacancy will be hard to fill.

Heartfelt sympathy is also extended to Mr. and Mrs. George Purser on the loss of their son.



Jack Snipe Warns of Early Winter

EVERETT OHNIMUS, naturalist, painter, and manager of the Boat House at Stow Lake in Golden Gate Park, predicts an early winter this year. He bases his opinion upon the migration of the jack snipes, of which he has seen a number, and which arrived a couple of weeks ahead of their usual annual schedule.

Ohnimus is telling his friends of having turned down an opportunity to make an exploring trip to the jungles of East Africa with Hayes Perkins of Oregon. Perkins' father and mother came to the northern state in a covered wagon and his nurse was an Indian woman. He is now a geologist, naturalist, astronomer, and explorer, has been all over the world, and expects to spend the rest of his life in Africa.

Progress on The War Memorial

By Supervisor James B. Mc Sheehy
War Memorial Trustee

SHORTLY after the armistice was signed, or in the early part of 1919, a number of public-spirited citizens met to honor the boys who went overseas and of whom some gave their lives to the cause of Democracy.

As a result of this meeting a trusteeship was formed and \$2,000,000 was raised by public subscription for

the purpose of erecting a War Memorial and an Opera House in the Civic Center. Two blocks of land, bounded by Van Ness avenue, Franklin, McAllister and Grove streets, were purchased for about \$1,000,000. Of this amount the city contributed \$400,000 and the War Memorial Trustees the balance.

On June 14 of this year, by a two-thirds vote, the electors of San Francisco voted \$4,000,000 additional for the purpose of erecting two buildings directly opposite the present City Hall,

one an Opera House and the other a War Memorial building.

The Opera House will be the last word in Opera House construction. It will have a seating capacity of about 3,800, and will have spacious lobbies similar to, but not quite as large as those of the opera houses of Paris.



The War Memorial building will be so designed that the veterans of all wars will be properly housed therein. Each camp will have its hall and there will be an auditorium with a seating capacity of about 800. Every detail looking to the comfort and convenience of the veterans will be carefully considered. These two buildings will cost approximately \$5,000,000. Architects have been busy for months preparing plans and specifications and I have great hopes that actual construction will be under way by the first of January, 1928.

San Francisco occupies a unique position here on the Pacific Coast. Our growth has been healthy and steady. We can claim justly to be the financial center of the coast and we can also claim to be the amusement center. By amusement I mean wholesome amusement. A city requires amusement just as it requires commercial activity. The Opera House will foster the highest type of amusement and will attract people from all parts of the bay region. With the highways we are opening up and the proposed bridge, travel by automobile will be so free that this great Opera House will not be dependent upon San Francisco alone but will have the entire bay region to draw upon.

New York and San Francisco are a great deal alike. New York is very much alert in the fostering of amusements. She realizes what it means to attract people from all parts of the east.

There is no Opera House in the United States today that can compare with the one that we are about to erect. It will be a show place and an adornment to the Civic Center and will mean a great deal to the city commercially as well as artistically.

As a trustee of the War Memorial I am more than pleased with the progress that we are making toward its construction.

The San Francisco Hospital

ONE hundred and one employees of the hospital attended the dinner given October 4 on the roof garden of the Hotel Whitcomb in honor of Dr. A. S. Keenan, the new member of the Board of Health. Everybody was delighted to meet Dr. Keenan and such a pleasant evening was spent that they hope a "get-together" dinner can be given occasionally.

Mayor Rolph dropped in during the evening and was given a great ovation by all present. Supervisor McSheehy, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, was also present.

Among those who recently returned from vacation are: Mrs. C. Herndon, superintendent, Isolation Department; Miss Jordan, assistant superintendent of nurses; Charles Knapp, chef; James Jordan, superintendent of the laundry; George Tanaka, gardener.

We are glad to welcome Dr. Raymond Scott, our resi-

dent physician, back to duty from his recent illness.

We are also glad to have William Park, our electrician, back with us again.

The following distinguished visitors were taken on a tour of inspection through the hospital during the month: Dr. W. A. Bye, assistant medical superintendent of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, Australia; William Epps, secretary and business manager of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, Australia; Dr. Todd and Dr. Weaver, Visalia, California; H. Cooper Patten, D.M. (Cantab.) United University Club, Pall Mall East, London; Dr. C. M. Eaton, Chicago pediatrician and visiting representative of the American College of Surgeons, and Mrs. C. M. Eaton; Col. Raymond Metcalfe and Wallace DeWitt, Medical Department, U. S. A.; Dr. Kirkwood, Brete Harte Sanitarium, San Joaquin Valley, California.

The Board of Supervisors

by Jesse C. Colman

This is the third of a series of articles written by Supervisor Colman on the functions and responsibilities of the Board of Supervisors.

AMONG the most important functions of the Board of Supervisors is that of planning for the future development and beautification of San Francisco. Under legislation passed by the State Legislature in 1913, the Board of Supervisors was authorized to provide by ordinance for the establishment of a City Planning Commission, "which shall devise plans for the improvement and beautification of San Francisco."

The City Planning Commission has functioned admirably for a number of years and has found a staunch supporter in the Supervisorial body. The growth of the city's industrial district and the rapid development of new residential areas has given the City Planning Commission as well as the City Planning Committee of the Board of Supervisors, an ever increasing responsibility.

The Board of Supervisors is the final court for the hearing of all city planning matters. Week after week, delegations of citizens appear before the Board to argue the merits pro and con of changes in zones recommended by the commission and the committee on planning. To be absolutely fair to all property-owners in a zone recommended for reclassification, is, in itself—a real responsibility.

The supervisors must decide the problems upon their merits and with the interest of the community at large in mind.

Changes Often Fought

In many instances, the proposed reclassifications of residential property for commercial or industrial purposes have brought about storms of protest. Citizens living in the older sections of the city have fought vigorously to maintain their little homes against the advance of industry.

The sincerity of their contentions has never been questioned by the Supervisors but in some instances recommendations changing zones have been deemed imperative and above the interests of property owners. Where these changes have been made, the Board has always endeavored to give a square deal to all concerned and in no instance has it taken hasty action on a zoning problem. On many occasions it has spent weeks and even months in hearing proponents and opponents. In the final analysis action has been taken

with the thought that no citizen shall be financially injured.

Today there are several requests for reclassifications of residential property to commercial rating which are under consideration and which shall be decided sooner or later. The Board of Supervisors, realizing the importance of the proposed changes, is securing the best engineering information obtainable before enacting a recommendation. The proposed changes being sought at the present are those in the newer residential sections in which proponents declare business zones must be created to serve the householders who, within a few years, will fill the district.

Leading Citizens Serve

The City Planning Commission has been, and is today, constituted of some of our leading citizens. The city charter prescribes that the members of the commission "shall receive no compensation and shall not be subject to any prohibition forbidding officials from holding more than one office or position."

Applications for changes in zoning are first heard by the City Planning Commission. The recommendations of this body are then referred to the City Planning Committee of the Board of Supervisors. The committee, after hearing all parties interested, then makes its recommendations, sometimes unfavorable, to the entire Board. It is before the entire Board that the real zoning battles are fought.

As San Francisco continues to grow, it should be the duty of the Board of Supervisors to guard against the exploitation of various sections which might prove detrimental to the interests of the citizenry at large. Politics must be absolutely eliminated in considering these matters, and I am sure that this rule has been followed in the past. The Board of Supervisors feels the great trust imposed upon it by the public and is working toward a greater, happier and more beautiful San Francisco.

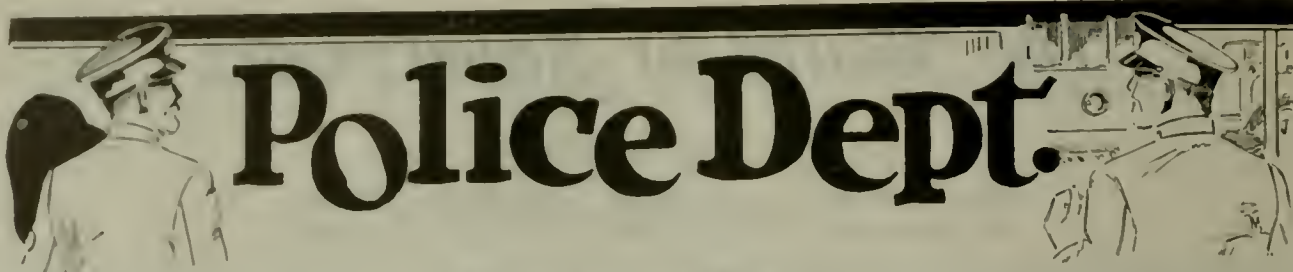
An equally vital duty of the Board of Supervisors is the development of our magnificent Civic Center, declared by tourists to be the best planned and most beautiful in all the world. The plan outlined years ago is only about half completed. Several important municipal buildings are still to be erected on the plaza fronting the City Hall, and the War Memorial Group of buildings on Van Ness Avenue is an admirable unit about to get under way.

Memorial Plans Progress

It is the duty of the Board of Supervisors to carry forward the War Memorial plan as soon as possible. The people of San Francisco last June voted four million dollars in bonds to assure the immediate construction of the Memorial Group. In addition to the bond money, subscriptions amounting to two millions have been made by citizens. Architects are now at work on the plans and specifications and are expected to report to the War Memorial Trustees within a very short

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Edited by Jack Gibson

THE annual inspection of the San Francisco Police Department has been set for November 5. Captain Frederick Lemon of the Mission station, drill instructor, has started drilling for this yearly event.

Members of the various companies are being put through their paces, under sub drill instructors, the drilling being held so that members of every watch will have the benefit of the training.

This year it is expected that close to 1000 policemen will take part in the inspection which is held in the Civic Center and which is under the direction of Mayor Rolph assisted by the police commission, Theodore Roche, Jesse B. Cook, Dr. Thomas B. Shumate and Andrew F. Mahony.

Chief of Police Daniel O'Brien will lead the men in the parade that will precede the inspection proper. Every unit of the department will be out in full force.

Equipment of various kinds will be displayed and it is calculated to give those who witness the event some idea of the progress being made by the San Francisco Police Department in coping with crooks.

One of the features of the annual inspections is the appearance of the mounted officers with their horses, selected and trained by Inspector George Marchant. They are considered as fine a line of horseflesh as can be found in any city, and in any line of work.

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Lieutenant Harry Braig for some 30 years a member of the department has been retired, his eyes failing him. Lieutenant Braig has for years been in charge of one of the night platoons of the Central district. His place has been filled by Lieutenant Arthur DeGuire, who has finished a three months' trick on the night watch of the Detective Bureau.

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Detective Sergeant Earl Rooney who was shot by Joe Tanko, the murderous bandit in a pistol duel in which Tanko was killed by Rooney was pensioned by the Police Commission this month. Rooney who has been on the burglary detail in the Detective Bureau for years, has a splendid reputation as an efficient and courageous officer. His leave is regretted by all who knew him, but the damage done by the bandit's bullet is such that he was incapacitated for further police duty. Detective Irvin Findlay was promoted to the detective sergeancy made vacant by Rooney's retirement.

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Officer William Brown of the Harbor district, injured twice in auto collisions while doing police duty, was another who has been granted a pension. Policeman Brown has been a member of the department for over 25 years.

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Detective Charles Dorman who went back to the Tunney-Dempsey fight in Chicago and remained over

to see one of the World Series games is back on the job again. Dorman used to be a big league catcher, playing for Washington and for the Chicago White Sox.

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Detective Sergeant J. J. McKenna was going home the other morning when he spotted a car with three young men going up Market from Powell. He recognized the car as one reported stolen, so he grabbed a taxi and gave chase. After three blocks he overtook the stolen car and its load and driving them to the curb arrested three lads, Theodore Kurrell, William Harris and William Kidder. These three boys confessed to stealing over 40 automobiles during the past few months in this city.

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Barney Farley, for nineteen years a member of the police force, died at Mary's Help Hospital early in October after an illness of several months. Before entering the department Barney was a steward with the Emergency Hospital service and prior to that had been a deputy sheriff. He was 54 years old.

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Sergeant Arthur Christiansen of the Bush Street Station was promoted to lieutenant and Corporal Joseph Powers of Ingleside was made sergeant at the October 3 meeting of the Police Commission.

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Patrolman Edward J. Gough is recovering from an accident early in October when he was struck down by an automobile as he was alighting from a street car. He suffered a broken leg. The driver of the car was cited for reckless driving.

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Five new men have been appointed to the force by the Police Commission and are now serving their probationary period of six months. They are James J. Cox of 3816 Eighteenth Street; Farrish F. Clemons of 591 Twenty-seventh Avenue, Frank Peterson of 1547 Palou Avenue, William Costello of 739 Thirty-third Avenue and Alfred Ackerson of 43 Worth Street.

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William J. Quinn Jr., nine-year-old son of Captain William J. Quinn was run over by an automobile while standing on the sidewalk at Page and Scott streets recently. He suffered a broken ankle. The boy was watching an automobilist crank his car, when the car, which had been left in gear, ran away.

J. J. Moriarity, a conductor for the Municipal Railway, was killed on September 24 at Geary street and Thirty-third avenue when he was crushed between two cars. Moriarity was standing at the rear of his car adjusting the pole which had left the wire as his car rounded the curve. A second car, unable to stop in time, slid into the stalled street-car and caught Moriarity between.



Edited By Lieut. Fred Jones

REMEMBER the date boys, November 5, 1927, and follow the crowd to the Civic Auditorium and you will have the greatest time of your career, for this year's ball will be the best yet. Plenty of music and some fine entertainment and a few surprises.

The members of Chemical 12 are delighted with their new White Apparatus. Look out Downs, four speeds ahead means quicker results battling those three story grass fires.

Parks, the boy driver of Engine 33, figured out the other day that he has 23 years to do before he can go back to Kentucky.

Captain Dullea of Engine 39 is back on the job after spending a pleasant vacation touring Canada. Guess there is no place like home after all, Ed.

A treat for sore eyes. Evans and Regan of Engine 39 will be at the ball with their soup and fish.

Can somebody inform us who is the owner of the covered wagon at Engine 38.

Fishermen take notice. Do not waste your time fishing for bass around Martinez as Captain Sullivan, Winkler, Goessell and Anderson of Engine 43 have cleaned out that locality.

The old saying that fish and brains work well together must be the cause of McCarthy transferring to Engine 43.

Wanted. A name for a flat bottom boat which will be launched in the near future. Submit all names to Lieut. Petry of Engine 38.

The hot spell of last month had the outside companies on the run.

Lieut. Larson of Engine 37 answered a cover-in call to Engine 38. Those beautiful homes on Monterey Blvd. need protection.

O'Niel and Medica of Truck 3 are getting to look more like the Smith Brothers of cough drop fame since they started growing whiskers. Why don't you pull yourselves together boys and give the barbers a chance.

Big hearted Reidy of Truck 3 gave his last summer's straw hat to Whitey the colored porter. Don't worry George, summer is over.

Lost. One cork in the neighborhood of Twin Peaks. Finder kindly communicate with Madison of Truck 8. It is rumored that Bill lost it while lugging hose during the forest fire.

Ellis of Truck 7 held 1,000 aces during a recent pinocle game. Jim was accused of using his own deck.

Adcock of Truck 10 has become quite an artist. He recently painted some decoy ducks which almost looked like ducks when he finished them.

The peculiar odor around the office has been finally solved. Dr. Lagan, long known for the fine cigars that he smokes seems to have changed his brand. It is rumored that the last box was purchased at Weinstains.

Lee of Engine 34 became a benedict last month. Good luck to you Johnny and may your troubles be small.

Anybody seeking information relative to the condition of roads throughout the state can be accommodated by calling on Gill of Engine 35. Charlie is quite a tourist.

Believe it or not, Cornyn of Truck 1 never had his hair marcelled.

Lieut. Kearney of Engine 5 is working on an invention that he expects will net him plenty. Johnny is working on a device that will inform motorists when their tires are flat.

Lieut. Riddell of the office is the champion radio bug of them all. Jerry claims that his set will bring in Pittsburg, Pa., every night. That is a bit heavy Jerry. No doubt you mean Pittsburg, California.

Speaking of radios, the members of Engine 17 are enjoying a five tube set which was given them by Hale Bros.

McVey of Truck 3 is back on the job after spending a pleasant vacation touring the state. Jack killed two birds with one stone as he used the vacation for a honeymoon. Congratulations Jack and good luck to you.

Cashman, the loud speaker of Engine 4 is sounding off plenty since he came out on the long end of the Tunney-Dempsey fight.

Captain Braun of Engine 6 claims he spent a very pleasant vacation while Richter was away for 15 days.

Cronin of Engine 8 longs for Dapper Dan's singing. Dan is entertaining the boys in the mission now.

Extra. Captain Smith of Engine 9 finally brought home some ducks. It is rumored that none of them had been shot.

Devlin of Engine 26 spent a very pleasant vacation at Hetch-Hetchy.

Trainer Slavich of Engine 18 is conditioning Summerfield for the high explosive district. Look out, Bob, remember what Wolgast got.

Toot—Toot Lovelace of Truck 13, the old switchman, seems to have pulled the wrong switch when he landed in the above company. It seems that Bob can't resist the sound of the switch engine bells around the water front.

Shea of Engine 12 has just taken off a pair of tires which he claims traveled 85,000 miles. It sounds a bit heavy.

Lieut. DeMartini of Engine 1 spent his vacation in Sonoma County. It is said he selected some very fine grapes.

Bohan of Engine 10 is very strong for aviation. John is figuring on purchasing one of the latest model airplanes.

Operators Pelletier, Brady, and Lucy are still on the
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Municipal Organizations

OFFICE EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION

By Wm. T. Bonsor

AT the last regular meeting of Office Employees Association 13188 A.F. of L. it was definitely decided that the Union would take no part in politics. This carried with it a decision not to send delegates to the Union Labor Party Convention. This decision was made to maintain harmony within the ranks of the association and also because at least ninety-five per cent of the members are civil service employees. To participate as a body in political matters, especially concerning candidates, it was believed, would lead to complications detrimental to the interest of the members of the Union.

Labor Unions exist primarily to obtain increased wages, shorter hours and to better the working conditions of employees. If this is accomplished they have served a worthy cause and little time is left to devote to political entanglements which may tend to create sharp division among the members and eventually result in bitter feeling, lessening the efficiency of the organization.

Most of our members, as individuals, participate actively in the political arena. All of the candidates are fortunate in having admirers within our fold.

The question of increased wages is always a burning issue with our members and this is natural as they are no different from those working in private employment.

We were unsuccessful in obtaining better wages for many of our members in the last budget but did receive recognition in that all of our requests were referred to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors with the positive understanding that representatives of the various groups involved would be given a hearing before the Committee after a tax rate was set and that the Committee would make a report to the Board thereon. Recently Chairman McSheehy of the Finance Committee and his colleagues reiterated this promise and we expect the hearing immediately after the election. It is our belief that our requests, which are modest and reasonable, will be granted by the Committee and the Board of Supervisors.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

AT the first meeting of the full term of the governing council of the Teachers' Association of San Francisco the legislative committee presented a report on a charter amendment to the present Tenure Law. The city attorney, however, advised that no charter amendment could be considered at the present election.

A resolution presented by Mr. Rhodes was adopted providing that the president appoint a committee to study the salary situation. The findings will be reported by the association to the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools.

A report on the loan fund submitted by Miss Ida M. Kervan showed three loans totaling \$550 and cash on hand at \$2,233.24.

Fifteen beneficiaries received aid from the Scatena Memorial Fund of \$80,000. The money was paid for medical care in cases of extreme necessity. Only members of the fund committee are given the names of the recipients.

The report of Treasurer M. A. Sykes showed \$854 in the treasury.

Following adoption of a resolution President John F. Brady appointed a committee of six to ask the War Memorial Board to include a suite of rooms for the Teachers' Association in the proposed War Memorial building.

A protest was received from a group of teachers protesting against the crowding of young children in the Civic Center during the Lindbergh reception and requesting that, in future, consideration be given to the smaller children.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS' UNION

By J. L. Slater, Jr.

WHILE scouting around the city recently, we ran into Frank Sheehan, Jack Hanley and Harry Law out on Judah Street. They were setting points for the trolley poles of the new "muni" car line.

Cliff Jones is on the sick list and as a result Doc Giberson is doing two men's work.

Bob McHugh and Carl Markle still argue about their age. Carl says Bob was one of the first white men to enter San Mateo County. Bob says a tire sign near Cloverdale states that part of California was settled by C. Markle in 1851. Figure it out.

Tom Moroney "batched" for a week while Mrs. Moroney was visiting in Sacramento. Tom said he didn't mind cooking, but the dishes—the less said about them the better.

At our last meeting we had the pleasure of hearing an address by Norman Mohr, former city architect. Mr. Mohr spoke on future problems of transportation in San Francisco, stressing those met in tube construction under the bay to Oakland and Sausalito.

Surveyor Coughlan and his party have been working on the new Bernal Cut job, and we know the job will be right when Jerry gets finished with it.

"Rajah" McCarthy, who has been figuring the Bernal Heights boulevard job, confided in a friend the other day that he might take a life partner in the near future.

Our National President, C. L. Rosemund, accompanied by his wife, stopped in this city for a short visit recently. He is making a tour of the United States in the interests of labor and the professional

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City and County Offices

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

By J. Everett Sharp

FEW, even among his most intimate associates, are aware that Deputy Tim Desmond aspired in his early youth to an histrionic career, but such indeed was the case, and it doubtless accounts in a very considerable degree for that remarkable capacity in him to summon at will quotations galore from poets and philosophers upon almost any topic under discussion.

However, before he had enjoyed any stage experience more exacting than that of banner-bearer at the Battle of Bannockburn, his attention became centered on the necessity of earning a livelihood in some dependable occupation, and he came to America and launched forth as a lumberjack in the great Northwest.

THAT which really serves to stir ire on Tim's part is the manner in which many writers insist on putting what he terms ridiculous and impossible brogue on the lips of his country-people. Despite the divagations of Dooley, through Peter Finley Dunn, Tim insists there is no such thing in Ireland or elsewhere. Only recently, in talking with this editor, he unloaded the following:

"Wherivver do they be gettin' that stooff. By and large Oi lived fairly well ahl over Oireland in me byhood days, an' divvil a bit was it that ivver Oi hearrd anny such rank rot as wan can read today in ahlmost anny book dealin' with the Oirish people.

"Sure, it's a lot av bald understrappers they are that concoct out av their faible brains sooch maningless mush and it's mesilf, a Desmond av the Desmonds av County Corrk, that wad be after poonching the nose av the bist av them.

"The Oirish English is a better quality than wan ivver hears in Rotten Row or Buckingham, and wance—Oi remimber it well—Whin Oi was a'mere brath av a lad, Lord Buckingham said to me, quite confidinshilly, 'Timmie, me bye, it's that prroud av ye Oi am that wan av yer anshint and 'onnorrable blood wad be thus able to spake the Quane's own English with such admirrable and absoloot pairfiction of accintuation'."

The stage lost a member of rare histrionic ability when Tim abandoned its dressing rooms, and it is all to Tim's credit that, in regarding past possibilities with an air of wistfulness, he can still carry on with his labors in the dull humdrum of figures, surrounded by an atmosphere of inspiring optimism flavored with frequent interjections of true Irish wit.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Walter J. Martenson

THE Sheriff's office has among its force several members who probably have no equal along certain lines. There is Paul Rissman, a great extemporaneous speaker, who has always something interesting to expound. Hardly a day passes but we do not hear

that patented phrase of his "Let me tell you something." Then we have Leo Kasten, beau brummel and a great linguist; Tom Curran, an authority on the raising of large families; Joe Healy, the peerless auctioneer; Arthur Collins, an authority on street cars and members of the fair sex, and last but not least, Frank Burke, the "Little Giant," an authority on all matters pertaining to the Civil Department of the Sheriff's office. Frank claims that he hails from Boston, but rumor has it that he came here from Erin as an infant in care of the captain.

Izzy Fuchs, an authority on every subject under the sun, was at one time, it is rumored, offered an appointment as purveyor of the English language in the U. S. Supreme Court.

Among the callers at the Sheriff's office who have been missed lately, is a charming lady by the name of Pearl, who leads a bull dog by a string, and invariably inquires "Is Doc Scott in?"

Willie Gehrels was seen on Powell Street lately with a lady who was almost white.

Doc Kiley is an excellent example of "What Mellin's Food will do" and an answer to that oft mooted question "Why Girls Leave Home."

RECORDER'S OFFICE

By Winslow McKee

OUR genial and well liked chief copyist, Johnnie Kane, has returned to work after a month's absence due to an infected leg. All the boys were glad to see him back on the job. While away his place was ably filled by Doc Peguillan.

Otto Fritschen has blossomed forth with a new hat that puts Leopold's Borsolini in the shade. Some of the boys are mean enough to say that Fritschen has found a new banker.

Charlie Allen, the golf expert of the copyist department, swings a mean club. Charlie has trouble in following his drives and a tendency to pick up new balls not his own. Following the copy will no doubt help him to "follow the ball."

John Jay Kinrod reports his campaign progressing very favorably. All the boys wish him luck and will say it with votes.

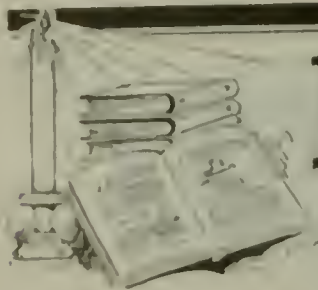
Somebody made the remark that Joe Hayes with his new pipe looks like Sherlock Holmes.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

By Homer Warren

CITY and county taxes for the fiscal year 1927-1928 became due and payable October 17. Taxpayers have until Monday, December 5th at 5 P.M. to pay the first installment, after which date 10 per cent additional will be collected. The second installment will be due on January 3, 1928 and become delinquent

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Public Library

Edited By Frances K. Langpaap

CATALOGING is such a mass of systemized detail that an outline of the work done by this department would probably result in nothing but technicalities, unintelligible and uninteresting.

However, the most frequent user of the library quite likely does not dream how closely connected the cata-

log department is with every step of the procedure he goes through to withdraw a book. The card catalog he consults was made by the catalogers and every card filed in it by them. The number of the book he selects was given to it by a classifier in the catalog department. The book itself is on the shelf in the stacks according to the same system used by the classifier. The book slip in the book was made by the catalogers and when re-

moved from the book is filed according to the same system. The monthly bulletin he reads to find the new books is compiled by the catalog department and many of the lists he uses are made by it.

It is interesting to see how various businesses have adopted cataloging methods. Filing in its most elaborate or simple state is nothing but a form of cataloging, that is the keeping of all related subjects together, which is the fundamental rule of classifying. The

card index system and the decimal classification used in so many lines of business at the present time were all perfected by public library catalogers before they were adopted by the business men.

AT the request of an employee in another department of the city we will briefly outline the information given applying to the use of the public card catalog. This catalog was compiled for the benefit of the patrons of the library and is logically arranged and easy to use. It tries to answer three questions, one of which is in the mind of every person using it.

1. What books have you by a given author?
2. What books have you with a given title?
3. What books have you on a given subject?

Every book added to the library collection is noted in this catalog by author, title, and subject, in an alphabetical arrangement. Subjects are printed in red. The class or call number is printed in the upper left-hand corner. Numbers with an asterisk or star in front of them are of reference books which do not circulate from the library.

A small "j" in front of the number indicates the book is juvenile and is in the juvenile department. A lower-case "q" means the book is taller than ten inches and an "f" that the book is taller than fifteen inches. These symbols are of use in shelving and have little interest for readers except that they indicate the size of the book—in other words, if the book you want has an "f" in front of its number, it won't be very easy to carry home.

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David Greenhood of the University of California Extension Division is delivering a series of lectures on rare and fine printing to the members of the Library staff. Various examples of typography and binding in the Max Kuhl memorial room are being used for illustration.

Era of Gas Lamps Nearing Close

By J. T. Whittlesey

MANY streets in the older sections of the city are still lighted or rather spotted with gas lamps, which were considered good lighting in the last generation but are now so far out of date that no progressive city can longer tolerate them.

They do serve to show the belated home-comer and the zig-zagging automobilist where the curb line is, but they have been condemned by the street lighting committee of the Board of Supervisors and soon will be only a dim memory.

The remaining 4300 gas lamps in the city are to be replaced with approximately 1900 electric lamps, which will result in a considerable improvement in the lighting of many hundreds of blocks in the old and fully built up areas of the city.

The total candle power of the lights will be increased from 250,000 to 650,000, but the actual illumination will be fully four times the present amount and at the same time will result in a saving of \$25,000 a year to the tax payer.

The city has been divided into twenty sections, covering all streets lighted by gas and the change will be completed section by section in accordance with an orderly program. The work has already been started and it is expected that the Pacific Gas and Electric company will be able to finish the job in a year's time. The last gas lamp in San Francisco will be turned out and smashed to bits with appropriate ceremonies on New Year's day, 1929.

Of Interest to Women

By Anita Day Hubbard

PERHAPS during the rest of the month, after Tuesday, November 8, some other topic of interest than politics may rise to the surface. Just now, discussing anything else is like whistling into the temp-est.

Far be it from the scribbler of this page to suggest who may be who, when votes are counted. Most of the candidates are such very good fellows that the writer can be counted on to drop a sympathetic tear with the losers, and to feel a pleasant thrill with those who will be the serv-ants of that fickle jade "the public" for the next semes-ter.



Photo by Fisher.

Being a woman's page, and therefore flippant by tradition, in spite of the anx-i-ous expression on the faces of the knowing ones who go about asking ev-eryone "which way will the women vote?" one must not be serious.

I hope that eventually the aesthetic sense of the feminine part of the electorate will do something about the election signs. With the city neatly papered on every highway and by-way with the gay evidences of the coming election, the town has a festive appearance that lifts one's spirits.

But where are the gay riots of color that might make the "good gray city" a fall-blooming flower garden? Why must the political printers stick to red and blue, with an occasional timid essay into yellow and black? I offer the suggestion gratis to the first "poly" courag-eous enough to use it.

IN every other phase of advertising, color plays a vivid part. The bill boards are growing more and more like a well tinted art gallery. Luminous purples, vivid greens, orange, turquoise blue and magenta, yel-low, scarlet, all the tints of a modernist rainbow, dec-orate the streets for the advertising of merchandising and theatricals— to say nothing of circuses.

But alas for the politicians. How can they expect to contest with victory for attention of the fair voters, when the stores and cosmeticians and jewelry shops are bidding for their favor with the delicate nuances of art.

Perhaps they are standing on long tradition, with the idea that the old time colors and methods are an

indication of stability, and indicate a sort of rock of Gibraltar quality.

Again, it may be that no one is willing to take a chance with new ideas. Certainly the time worn "lines" that are printed year after year, and the beautiful rolling periods of campaign speeches have not been changed since time immemorial. The gentle public, acknowledged to have advanced immeasurably in mechanics, science, transportation, literature and economics, is still believed to respond to the same old "hokum" of the Civil War period when it comes to politics.

To be sure, the feminine touch is visible here and there. The festivities incident to exciting interest in a candidate have become more and more social in tone. The women's vote is a gentle and elusive thing and must be tenderly lured into the fold—but how? Each campaign manager has his own ideas. I wish one of them would try out my color scheme. But I'll wager they never will!

On November 8, we'll hear the hurrahs and the ali-bis, and the diagnosis of the political post mortems. With a little groaning, the good old town will settle down for the next while, and the game will go on.

And after all as Sam Blythe said long, long ago, "Everything in San Francisco is politics, except poli-tics—and that's personal."

SPEAKING of color, isn't it funny how the dark colors and the heavy fabrics that would have made us feel stuffy a months ago are so comforting nowa-days? Almost at a given signal, the light things of summer look trifling and inconsequent, and we long for the warmth and color of the winter clothes.

The return of the eternal feminine is with us, cer-tainly. Long hair is seen everywhere, with a sudden-ness that suggests surreptitious additions of hair that originated elsewhere than by natural growth and hor-ridly named "rats" and "bird cages" of yesteryear.

The ingenious methods of securing the stray locks of the unbobbed sisterhood whose ambitions toward long hair have grown more swiftly than their hair, are worthy of notice. A description of one of them may help a distracted reader in making hair ends meet.

The front locks are brought back into a little brush at the back of the head, divided into three diminutive parts, each securly wound with an elastic band. Then a hair pin or so, (loud cheers from the hair pin manu-facturers) secures the three parts, and a neat but not gaudy little switch, rolled into a modest bun conceals the arrangement. A hair net is not to be despised by those eager for a very restrained appearance, but is not absolutely necessary.

One hears a chorus of wails and gnashing of shears on the part of the barbers, and a loud paeon of joy from the hairdressers. Ah well, life is like that, and per-haps the whiskered denizens of the barber shops will welcome the more masculine tone when the fair ones are not so present.

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Schools

FRANCISCO Junior High School—This is the "clubbiest" school in the city. Here the method of stimulating interest in school work by means of student clubs has reached its most intensive application. Forty clubs, representing virtually every healthy interest a student could have are functioning in a constructive manner.

Francisco is the epitome of the term "melting pot." With almost 1,350 students, Italian, Chinese, French, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish and Negro, as well as a sprinkling of the Nordic and Irish extraction, the school has more nationalities than any in the city.

Following the modern tendency in education, Francisco, since its inception two years ago, has stressed the student club idea. During the last hour of every Tuesday the pupils take part in activities of the club of their choice. Among the most important is the "Sunshine Club" whose purpose is to dress dolls to be sent to childrens' hospitals at Christmas along with stories in pictures collected by the Scrapbook Club.

Sewing Clubs make attractive articles for the Christmas Bazaar. Among other clubs are the Camera, Dramatic, Stagecraft, Costume, Carpentry, Music Appreciation, Girls' Glee, Girls' Swimming, Boys' Swimming, Book Lovers, Cooking, Typing, First Aid, Word Puzzles, Banjo, French, Citizenship, Poster, Tennis, Radio, Electrical, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Aviation, Science, Debating, Outing, Embroidery, Dancing, Italian, Press and Traffic.

Bryant School—Mrs. Anna Kammerer nee Reitz, of the faculty, was the guest of honor at a bridge luncheon Wednesday October 12 at the Fairmont Hotel. Mrs. Kammerer was married during the summer vacation. Under the direction of Mrs. M. Dalton, eight members of our class in Adult Education have applied for first citizenship papers. The Mothers' Club met

October 13 with Mrs. Anita Denevi presiding, and listened to talks by Mrs. J. Koughan on "A Child's Breakfast" and by Officer Byron Gerchell of the School Traffic Reserves—Miss A. Walsh, School Correspondent.

Lafayette School—Practically the entire student body has been enrolled in a Helpers' League to promote school citizenship. Increasing good order among the students and a yard that is kept beautifully clean

are attributed to the new organization. The Parent Teachers' Association has added about 200 books to the school library. For a school enrollment of 1,084 this is a good beginning. Miss Florence D. Winter has been appointed to assist Miss Hahn in primary work. Miss Marion Copeland is a member of the San Francisco Opera Company and sang in the chorus during the opera season.

She studied in Florence for two years. The principal and faculty recently joined in a luncheon to Mrs. Ruth Gray Williams, a vacation bride. A presentation of silver was made as a token of regard—Miss Genevieve T. Kwapi, School Correspondent.

Sheridan School—Pupils of the Seventh Grade provided the program for the meeting on October 11 of the Sheridan P.T.A. They were directed by Miss Marjorie Starke and Mrs. Maude I. Ehat. Newton Tani played "The Chase" and Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" very creditably—Miss L. Ruth Haskins, School Correspondent.

Le Conte School—It is really surprising to watch the change in some of the children who have been eating anything for lunch and who now are getting a warm noonday meal from the new school cafeteria. Several who were formerly troublesome in the yard at play have become law-abiding citizens and others who seemed to find it difficult to apply themselves to their work in the afternoon have settled down to a better attitude toward everything and everybody. Still others

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THE SEWING CLUB, ONE OF FORTY AT THE FRANCISCO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Municipal Railway Bond

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to 46th. This provides a new terminal in the immediate vicinity of the Municipal Swimming Pool and Playground near the junction of Sloat Boulevard and the Great Highway.

The Excelsior Line: This line will be an extension of the existing Church street line routed over 30th Avenue to the line of Dolores, thence through the Bernal Cut, bonds for which were recently voted, over San Jose Avenue to a point near Capistrano, thence easterly and over Excelsior Avenue to Naples and southerly on Naples to Geneva. This line will furnish a much-needed service to the large and heavily populated Excelsior district, which is at the present time without adequate transportation.

The Eureka Valley Line: This line will be routed southerly over Eureka street from the Market street extension to 19th, thence by the most feasible way, partly through private right of way, to a terminal in the vicinity of 29th and Diamond. This extension has been very actively sought by residents of the district.

The Potrero Hill Bus Line: This provides for a bus service connecting with the Municipal Railway at 17th over the most feasible route to the vicinity of 23rd and Wisconsin street. The grades in this district are such as to be prohibitive for street car operation, and this bus service will reach a district which cannot otherwise be served.

Sunset Car barn: The construction of the extensions provided for in the current bond issue necessitate additional housing facilities for Municipal Railway cars. To meet this it is proposed to construct a car barn in the Sunset district which will house in addition to the cars of the Judah street line, cars of the other lines tributary to upper Market street, thus affording additional room in the Potrero and Geary street barns for those cars which could be more conveniently operated from those places.

Car Shop: It is proposed to construct a car shop in the block adjacent to the Potrero Car Shop, one-half of which site has already been purchased. The proposed car shops are one of the most essential items in the bond issue. When we realize that the present shops, located in the Geary street car barn, were originally constructed to take care of about 43 cars and that we are now operating 225 cars, and with the completion of the Judah street line and the proposed extensions, some 64 cars will be added, it can be appreciated how urgent is the need for these additional shops.

Bus Garage: The Municipal Railway at the present time is operating about 19 buses. Approximately ten additional buses will be required under the proposed bond issue. It is proposed to construct a central garage for these buses on a portion of the second floor of the existing Potrero car barn, where all of the automotive equipment of the railway can be concentrated under the direct charge of a master mechanic at one location. This is most essential, particularly in view of the fact that at the present time the railway buses, due to lack of space, are now required to stand on the street in the vicinity of the car barn, without any facilities for properly servicing them.

Additional Cars: The bond issue provides for the purchase of fifteen additional cars. These cars are for the purpose of providing additional service in the districts where at the present time during the rush hours the existing capacity is severely overtaxed. These cars will permit for providing more adequate service in the Richmond district, the Sunset, Potrero and Church street districts.

Automobile Buses: This item for automobile buses will permit of the purchase of a few more buses for the purpose of improving service on existing lines and the establishment of one or two bus routes of short length where necessary to give bus transportation until traffic conditions warrant the installation of tracks and railway service.

The Municipal Railways have a most enviable record of achievement. In 1910 the citizens of San Francisco voted the first bond issue of \$2,020,000 for the construction of the pioneer line—the Geary Street Railway. In 1913, for the immediate purpose of providing service to the Panama-Pacific Exposition and to form the nucleus of an extensive municipal railway system, \$3,500,000 additional bonds were voted. Of this \$5,570,000 of bonds there has been retired out of earnings nearly \$3,000,000, leaving a bonded indebtedness against the road of a little in excess of \$2,500,000. In addition to this, nearly \$3,500,000 from the surplus earnings of the Municipal Railway have been expended in the construction of new lines and equipment. The road has paid all of the interest on the bonds as it has accrued, has made adequate provision for depreciation, for accidents and insurance, pays all of its employees an adequate living wage, and has done all of this on a five-cent fare.

The people of San Francisco can well be proud of its municipal railway system, which has been instrumental in maintaining the five-cent fare in San Francisco, has set a standard of service for the privately owned systems, has by the construction of extensions into outlying districts developed those districts and added to the comfort and prosperity of the people of San Francisco as a whole.

The following table sets forth in detail how the \$4,600,000 will be expended:

	Miles	No. of Cars	Estimated Cost
1 Marina Line	.86	3	\$143,000
2 Balboa Street Line	2.54	6	570,000
3 Turk Street Line	2.10	4	411,000
4 Sunset-Parkside Conn.	1.30	4	257,000
5 Taraval Street Extension	.63	0	65,000
6 Excelsior Line	2.78	10	617,000
7 Eureka Valley Line	1.60	12	1,085,000
8 Potrero Hill Bus Line	1.10	3	28,500
9 Sunset Car Barn			400,000
10 Car Shop			270,000
11 Bus Garage			80,000
12 Additional Cars		15	288,000
13 Automobile Buses			66,500
			\$4,281,000
Engineering, contingencies, etc.			319,000
TOTAL			\$4,600,000

City Celebrates Columbus Anniversary

CHRISTOPHER Columbus paid an official visit to San Francisco Sunday October 17 under the auspices of a committee headed by Supervisor J. B. Badaracco. The occasion was the Columbus Day celebration held at the Aquatic Park and which was attended by fully 20,000 persons.



Supervisor Badaracco's committee had prepared an elaborate program which was followed to the dot and which included the landing of Columbus at the foot of Van Ness avenue from his ship the Santa Maria. The fleet of three sailing vessels swept through the flotilla of gayly decorated bay craft at the Aquatic Park to be met by Mayor Rolph and by several score Indian braves and maidens. Columbus was

impersonated by Emilio Lastretto.

Boating events under the direction of the Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen followed the landing and girls from the city playgrounds gave a program of folk dancing under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Pollok of the Playground Commission.

The remainder of the afternoon was occupied with swimming events, drills, dances and ceremonials by the Improved Order of Red Men and the Daughters of

Pocahontas and with acrobatic exhibitions and boxing. Stunt flying by army airmen from Crissy Field and fireworks in the evening closed one of the most successful Columbus Day celebrations in the history of the city.

Supervisor Badaracco has been an active figure in the promotion of similar historical celebrations in the past. He comes of a pioneer California family and is Past President of San Francisco Parlor 49 of the Native Sons of the Golden West. He is chairman of the supplies committee of the Board of Supervisors and a member of the Public Utilities and Streets Committees.

PAMPERED PELLY JOINS GREAT MAJORITY

THERE is mourning among the Stow Lake force of Golden Gate Park employees. Pelly Brown is dead. What this means will be appreciated only by asking Albert Chaquette, Ray Johnson, or Pat McHugh.

Pelly Brown is the brown pelican which has for a long time been the extraordinarily dignified and pampered denizen of Pelican Island in the lake, and was the especial pet of Pat McHugh, who has charge of the water birds. Pelly died while Pat was away on his vacation and now the joy of vacation time is turned to bleak despair.

Pat tells how Pelly used to ride on the gunwale of his boat every day while he made the rounds of Stow Lake to feed the birds. And now these rounds must be made alone, unless Crusoe—otherwise known as Tom—the black and white cat who keeps down the rats on Pelican Island, can be induced to go along with Pat for company.

A Few Unsolicited Testimonials

EDITOR Municipal Employee: I wish to congratulate you on the keen interest you have aroused among city employees in the first two issues of the Municipal Employee. It constitutes a medium of information that will be valuable to those to whom it is dedicated. Assuring you of the hearty co-operation of the Civil Service Per Diem Men's Association and with best wishes, I am,

F. J. Ferguson, Secretary.

Editor Municipal Employee: * * * Your publication appeals to me as being especially interesting to the city departments as well as of value in keeping us posted as to current happenings of interest to city employees. Very truly yours,

J. C. Astredo, Chief Probation Officer.

Editor Municipal Employee: I want to thank you for your kind reference to the department and myself in reference to the recommendations of Dr. Miller McClintock on traffic in San Francisco as contained in your article on Page 20 of the Municipal Employee.

You are correct in your statement that the recommendations in the McClintock report are the same as have been advocated persistently by the police department for years past, but could not be placed in effect

due to lack of appropriations for automatic signals, various kinds of parking signs, directing signs, painting work and other matters to place them into effect.

To carry forward a general plan for efficient traffic control requires installation of modern methods and devices, the lack of which causes wonderment on the part of the people, and criticisms.

It was with the knowledge of these difficulties that Chief O'Brien and myself welcomed the work of the Traffic Survey Committee which was appointed by His Honor Mayor Rolph and which resulted in the McClintock survey. We were only too willing to give our unqualified support to the survey and in our conferences with Mr. McClintock he recognized that our plans should be endorsed.

I feel that I am writing to you rather at length on the subject, but I feel that you are entitled to know the reasons why your comment "that the report is a boost for the department" is true, and your publicity of that thought carries to all your readers the information that the Traffic Department of the Police Department has not been lacking in its knowledge of the traffic situation and needs for its correction in San Francisco.

Again I thank you and place myself at your service when needed. Yours very truly,

Henry Gleeson, Captain of Traffic.

The Civil Service Commission

THE following examinations have been announced by the Civil Service Commission:

Surveyor's Field Assistants: On Saturday, November 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the City Hall; filing time closes at noon Saturday, October 29.

Following are the lists of eligibles adopted October 10 as the result of examinations held beginning April 20 for engineers:

Engineers of Hoist and Portable Engines

Rank	Percent.	Name and address.
1	98.72	Samuel M. Moore, 418 Pierce street.
2	89.43	Joseph E. Markey, 643 Guerrero street.
3	87.99	Thorvald V. Pedersen, 3051 Army street.
4	85.56	James R. Potter, 1126 Treat avenue.
5	82.53	Frank E. Lively, 52 Ocean avenue.
6	81.55	Ruby R. Corrie, 648 Precita avenue.

Marine Engineers of Gasoline Engines

1	80.44	William A. Mehler, 2314 Irving street.
2	80.32	Bartholomew P. Malone, 45 Fair avenue.

Marine Engineers

V 1	102.474	John A. Matulich, 224 29th street.
V 2	98.732	William F. Thielmeyer, 1162 14th Ave.
V 3	93.224	Stephen L. McKenna, 2122 19th Ave.
V 4	92.648	Fred H. Platts, 351 Pierce street.
V 5	92.302	William H. Donovan, 1870 19th Ave.
V 6	91.6	William V. McConalogue, 2466 Vallejo.
7	90.88	James R. Power, 2021 Hayes street.
V 8	89.918	Francis J. Hughes, 1379 26th Ave.
V 9	89.38	John P. Dunne, 229 Divisadero street.
10	88.918	Herbert M. Scott, 4060a 17th St.
11	88.55	Harry M. Graven, 1090 Francisco street
12	87.654	Joseph R. Williams, 440 Scott St.
13	87.358	John C. Daly, 178 Ney street.
14	87.264	Charles W. Miller, Jr., 732 Treat Ave.
15	84.106	Thomas O. Daly, 1635 Clay St.
16	83.714	William C. Siebert, 480 Sanchez st.
17	83.026	John I. Clark, 339 Chattanooga street
18	82.72	James Vahey, 3877 26th street.
19	82.102	Michael D. Sullivan, 163 Sears street.
20	78.476	Edward A. O'Brien, 1372 Geneva Ave.

Engineers of Stationary Steam Engines.

1	97.546	Arthur B. Sanders, 2550 29th Ave.
V 2	96.496	Frank E. Crane, 2038 Union street.
V 3	95.73	Audley F. Donnelly, 3038 Divisadero st.
V 4	95.	Walter C. Thierbach, 286 25th Avenue.
V 5	93.922	Martin V. Cattermole, 1225 Lombard st.
V 6	93.118	Francis M. Hughes, 1379 26th Avenue.
V 7	92.894	Paul H. Bogel, 1329 Lincoln Way.
V 8	92.794	Ernst O. Burki, 160 Granada Ave.
9	92.412	Robert H. Lockyer, 565 Eureka street
10	91.494	John W. Maher, 227 12th Street.
V 11	91.432	William F. Thielmeyer, 1462 14th Ave.
V 12	91.088	Ralph R. Sotter, 1040 Huron Avenue
V 13	90.848	Fred H. Platts, 351 Pierce Street.
V 14	90.024	John A. Matulich, 224 29th Street.
15	89.322	William H. Barnard, 54 Lobos Street.
V 16	88.89	Ernest F. Lenhardt, 1849 Larkin St.
17	88.698	Harry A. Minnedew, 830 Shotwell St.
18	88.59	Ernest H. Bridge, 9 Balceta Ave.
19	88.526	John I. Clark, 339 Chattanooga St.
20	88.502	Guy L. Bickford, 2490 California St.
addition	87.698	Wm. J. Clifford, 635 Ashbury St.
bond is	87.518	Herbert M. Scott, 4060a 17th St.
age for the	87.2	Wm. V. McConalogue, 2466 Vallejo St.
the existing	86.774	Joseph M. Costello, 32 Harris Place.
motive equipment	86.444	Frederick W. Weiss, 88 Tiffany Ave.
under the direct	86.	Arthur R. Rotter, 2608 Howard St.
location. This is		John E. Mullen, 2362 15th St.
of the fact that at the		James M. Winston, 1370 46th Ave.
due to lack of space, arch		James R. Power, 2024 Hayes St.
street in the vicinity of the		Charles H. Godfrey, 779 Arguello Blvd.
ties for properly servicing		Man E. Brewer, 85 4th St.
		hen L. McKenna, 2122 19th Ave.
		mas O. Daly, 1635 Clay St.

Rank	Percent	Name and address
34	84.664	Maurice J. Stanton, 3254 Mission St.
V 35	84.602	Wm. H. Donovan, 1870 19th Ave.
V 36	84.28	John P. Dunne, 229 Divisadero St.
V 37	84.12	Oliver Van Lupton, 1633 California St.
38	83.972	Virgil L. Wallace, 300 Brazil Ave.
39	83.794	John E. Blake, 1830 Beach St.
40	83.72	William H. Plumb, 1331 27th Ave.
V 41	83.54	Samuel N. Marion, 66 Delmar St.
42	83.164	Frank E. Schraemli, 1459 28th Ave.
43	82.88	William J. Dunne, 1376 Union St.
44	82.654	Joseph R. Williams, 440 Scott St.
V 45	82.53	Knut G. A. Johanson, 148 Saturn St.
46	82.41	Aug. P. Zimmerman, 1028 Guerrero
47	82.334	Milton J. Daly, 16 Genesee St.
48	82.132	Paul H. Hopkins, 2700 23rd St.
V 49	81.826	Edward J. Costello, 4405 24th St.
50	81.8	Raymond Connor, 921 Prague St.
51	80.57	Amasa C. Plumb, 1331 27th Ave.
52	80.03	William Findlay, 336 Duncan St.
53	79.6	William J. Mooney, 163 Sears St.
54	79.536	Arthur Goodlad, 825 Cole St.
55	78.618	James Archer, 796 Faxon Ave.
56	78.364	Charles W. Miller, Jr., 732 Treat Ave.
57	78.18	Thomas H. Mullins, 180 1/2 Hartford St.
58	77.884	Thomas Sproule, 2159 Hayes St.
59	77.88	Walt. J. Owens, 1214 Polk St., Apt. 306
60	77.594	Victor W. Kloppenburg, 3161 16th St.
61	77.464	William C. Siebert, 480 Sanchez St.
62	77.445	Wm. J. Angenent, c.o. Lane Hospital.
63	77.426	Ernest C. Lorenz, 227 Louisburg St.
64	76.96	James McColgan, 156 Lenox Way.
65	76.672	Sherman . Battelle, 230 Stanyan St.
66	76.67	James Vahey, 3877 26th Street.
67	76.658	John C. Daly, 178 Ney St.
68	76.645	George F. Smith, 438 Guerrero St.
69	76.35	Harry M. Craven, 1090 Francisco St.
70	75.962	Francis F. Seiberlich, 77 Arleta Ave.
71	75.956	John S. Ostrom, 762 16th Ave.
72	75.416	Henry E. Bodmer, 744 Duboce Ave.
73	75.41	Matthew Donovan, 1010 Hyde St.
74	75.362	Henry Wolff, 3811 24th St.
75	75.196	Edmond S. Knarston, 1032 Capp St.

V—Five credits allowed for Veteran's preference

Two propositions involving public ownership of the proposed trans-bay bridge and private construction with later public acquisition are on the November 8 ballot.

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Parks and Museums

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"To our members who gave their lives 1917-18." The fountain, which is of California Carrara marble and bronze, is five and a half feet high, thirteen and a half feet long, and eight feet wide. It is planned to dedicate it with appropriate ceremonies on Armistice Day.

C. F. Herold of the Dairy Delivery Company, engineered the annual picnic given by his company to the undernourished children of the Michael Angelo School on Columbus Day, October 12. About thirty children, in care of their teachers, Miss Canellos and Mrs. Morris, were taken in a bus to Fleishhacker Playfield, where they spent the morning, and then to the Children's Playground in Golden Gate Park for the afternoon.

The work of grading the Great Highway has begun at Sloat Boulevard and will be continued for about six blocks towards the Cliff House. The Park Commission will make a drive here that will be 400 feet wide, on the level of the present upper roadway. The necessary funds for the work have been provided by the Board of Supervisors.

Other Park Commission projects that are in progress are the dredging of Yacht Harbor, the improvement of Aquatic Park, and the completion of an equestrian path along the Presidio Parkway to connect the fifteen miles of bridle paths in the Presidio with the twenty miles in Golden Gate Park.

The planting of the grass in Marx Meadow along the driveway running southwest from the Fulton street and Twenty-fourth avenue entrance to Golden Gate Park, has been completed, and there will soon be seen at this place one of the most beautiful meadows in the Park. This is in completion of a vision of John McLaren's conceived fifteen years ago. This work is being done under the direction of Foreman F. L. Slattery.

H. Mitchell, one of the Park employees of the Lloyd Lake section, spent his vacation on his olive ranch near Manteca.

Ewing McIntyre, one of Foreman Albert Chaquette's men, spent his vacation with an old-time friend from Scotland, who has a fruit ranch in San Mateo county. According to Chaquette, McIntyre is so enthusiastic about the fruit business that he has decided that in case he retires in the next thirty years he will himself have an orchard in San Mateo.

Erick Walther, who for some time has been a gardener and botanist with Peter Rock, Park nurseryman, has resigned to accept a position with the Department of Horticulture of the City.

The De Young Museum

A NUMBER of new post-cards are now available at the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park. These include copies of the following paintings: "The Widow," "The Broken Pitcher," "The Russian Bride's Attire," "The Woodland Retreat," and "Morning After the Battle." There is also a card picturing the wonderful Japanese wood-carving, "Servant

of the Royalty," and one of the marble statue, "Rebecca at the Well."

Curator George Haviland Barron has announced the following lecture schedule for the present month: November 2 and 6, Louis C. Towne on "Arms and Armor;" the 9th and 13th, Miss Helen Goedon Barker on "Musical Instruments;" the 16th and 20th, Mr. Towne on the exhibits in the Colonial Galleries; and on the 23rd and 27th Miss Barker on the ivory and bronze exhibits in the main corridor. Mr. Towne will also lecture on the 30th in the textile galleries. The lectures occur on Wednesdays at two o'clock P.M., and on Sundays at four o'clock, after the band concerts. There is no charge for any of these lectures and the public is invited and urged to attend.

Henry Trost of the Natural History section of the de Young Museum, has returned from a two weeks' vacation, which took him as far away as Tia Juana. Mr. Frost was accompanied by his sister.

Legion of Honor Palace

DR. Cornelia B. Sage Quinton, Director of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, has announced that a great collection of modern paintings to the number of 280, and comprising the European section of the Twenty-Sixth International Exhibition of the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburg, will be shown at the Legion of Honor Palace from April 2nd until May 13th, 1928. This fine show was gathered together by Homer Saint-Gaudens, Director of Fine Arts of the Carnegie Institute, on a trip he made to Europe especially for this purpose. The exhibition is under the patronage of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. It will be shown in only three cities in America: Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, and San Francisco. It opened in the first-named city on October 13th.

The Carl W. Hamilton collection of Italian Renaissance Old Masters, furniture and other art objects, and the collection of Modern art, both of which exhibitions opened on September first, have attracted a large attendance. During the past month there was also a very interesting exhibition of Japanese color prints and paintings, particularly of the Ukiyo-ye school, on view at the museum. This was lent through the courtesy of Tadao Takamizawa, connoisseur of Tokio, Japan. Mr. Takamizawa delivered a lecture in Japanese in the theatre of the museum. This was interpreted by Tarao Kawasaki, attache of the consulate general of Japan in this city. The exhibit was secured through the influence of the latter and of Herbert Fleishhacker, President of the Board of Trustees of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor.

Among prominent visitors at the City Hall during the last month was the Hon. Miguel Romualdez, Mayor of the City of Manila, who was on his way to Washington to call upon President Coolidge and members of Congress. Mayor Romualdez was deeply interested in the municipal affairs of San Francisco. He has been the chief executive of Manila for three and a half years.

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Public Schools and The Travel Exposition

By A. J. Cloud, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools

TRAVEL is rightly looked upon as an educational influence of basic importance. It is appropriate, therefore, that the San Francisco Public Schools should take a keen interest in the Pacific Foreign Trade and Travel Exposition, to be held in the Civic Auditorium from November 11 to 20 next.



This Exposition has well been termed "A Show Window to the World." It will feature displays of commodities and manufactures entering into the world trade of California. It will also emphasize the importance of Pacific travel to and from Hawaii, Mexico, Canada, The Antipodes, Asia, Europe, and all the countries of Central America and South America.

Steamship companies and travel agencies are to show models of modern liners making San Francisco a port of call. Auto stage lines and railroads are arranging attractive exhibits of their up-to-date modes of travel. Photographic views and motion pictures will contribute to a representation of the color and life of travel abroad. Displays of stamps and coins, art posters and model airplanes will doubtless attract much attention.

During the Exposition, the public schools will participate through the media of photographs, posters and other illustrations of school buildings and pupil activities, and, further, by cooperation in the preparation and presentation of an educational program of daily talks.

It is thought that the pupils of the public schools will gain much information of value from the Exposition during its ten days. Particularly, classes in geography and commercial subjects will derive much profit.

It is important to know that the Exposition is being sponsored by the Foreign Trade Club of California, a non-profit organization, in cooperation with many other commercial and educational groups.

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICITY By Joseph Murphy

The chief of the department, Ralph W. Wiley, has been laid up for two weeks during the past month, but is now back on the job again.

On Columbus Day the inspectors of the department went off on a yachting cruise and had a very enjoyable day, thanks to the sheik of the department, Eddie Collins, commodore of one of the yacht clubs.

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sick list and no doubt would appreciate a call from some of the boys. They have our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

Barskey of Engine 14 is taking up swimming in order to reduce his weight. He has engaged Captain Ken-ealey as his trainer.

Sheedy of Engine 16 who has been the chef of the company for years, has a rival in Operator Dever, who was one of Uncle Sam's kitchen artists.

Operator Franchi of Engine 21 is worried about the price of grapes. I wonder why.

Lieut. Quinn of Engine 23 claims the checker championship of the company. It is rumored that Frohman lets him win every now and then.

Richter the quiet boy of Engine 25 has finally broken out. Looks like his brother Charlie has him in tow.

Lieut. Malley of Engine 24 has purchased a motor boat. How are chances for a ride Tom?

Barry of Engine 27 scratched his new machine all up the first day he took it out. Guess you were looking for a soft spot, Zip.

Barron of Engine 29 has purchased a relic of yesterday in the form of a 1914 Ford. What is the big idea Dewey?

Guenley of Engine 31 has finally moved to the Mission. Yes the old sun gets them all in time.

Lieut. Sullivan of Engine 32 has a method of catching ducks without the aid of a gun. Guess the old reservoir comes in handy, Con.

Lieut. Peter of Engine 33 is hoping that someday San Mateo County will be annexed to San Francisco. I wonder why?

Toomey of Engine 34 failed to pick a winner during the recent world series. Better luck next time George.

Hatfield of Engine 7 is all smiles these days. It seems that Sam has found a real hair restorer.

Operator Macken of Engine 38 was seen navigating an antique museum down Mission Street during the past month.

Johnson of the Jones Street Tank also failed to pick a winner during the recent world series. No excuse for you boy as you have plenty of time to figure them out.

Extra. Battalion Chief Gavin has not had his high speed Ford in the repair shop for the past two weeks.

Coughlin of the blacksmith shop is a frequent visitor at Diana's Chicken Kitchen at the beach.

Baker of the machine shop claims to be one of the two black crows.

Harrington of the machine shop is being called sonny of late. Let us in on the big idea, Barney.

It is remored that Brown of the machine shop is a student of John Moholy.

Jimmy Dougherty of the machine shop has been promoted to head door man.

Anybody motoring past Felton is invited to drop in and have lunch with Vivian of Engine 39. George is building a shack down there and as a carpenter he is one good fireman.

Anybody seeking information relative to streets in the west of Twin Peaks district can be accommodated by calling on Regan of Engine 39. Bill has a good idea where the cars come out of the tunnel but that lets him out.

Schools

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who were pale and underweight have added color to their cheeks and vigor to their work and play—Miss Zetta Pegan, School Correspondent.

Winfield Scott School—Pupils of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades assembled Tuesday October 11 in honor of Columbus and took part in a program which included recitations and talks on Columbus. On October 20 the P.T.A. celebrated its first anniversary. Miss M. E. Thomas, principal, delivered the address of welcome and Elsie Robinson of The Call talked on "Parents and Children of the Twentieth Century."

Lincoln Evening School—A Thanksgiving program and dance will be given at Sorosis Hall, 936 Sutter street on Saturday evening, November 19. Members of the school club are preparing a short play as a curtain raiser under the direction of Miss A. E. O'Connell. The club usually gives two or three such affairs during the school term—Miss A. E. O'Connell, School Correspondent.

Hearst School—The P. T. A. held its regular meeting October 13 and witnessed the showing of a movie by Major Hammond of the Canadian government depicting scenes in the Arctic, the hunting of Polar bears, the homes of Esquimaux and the lives of Polar birds. This was one of the most instructive and interesting pictures ever shown at the school and all thoroughly appreciated it. The faculty recently gave a delightful tea at the Mark Hopkins hotel in honor of Mrs. E. A. Schottman nee Holland, a former teacher. The guest of honor was presented with a beautiful Chinese table drape—Miss Rosalie Harby, School Correspondent.

Spring Valley School—With an enrollment approaching 900 and a faculty of 23 under Miss Mary E. Keating, principal, the Spring Valley School is the center of much activity. A tea was given recently in the Clift Hotel to Mrs. McNeary nee Wolfe, a bride of the summer, and the school's traditional gift to brides in its ranks, a dozen sterling silver spoons, was presented by Miss Keating. Materially aiding the school is one of the most active Mothers' Clubs in the city. Already this semester it has conducted a successful food sale, paper drive, has set aside money for basket ball suits and rental of educational films, presented a lecture by Baroness and Otilie Ropp and found time recently to serve the teaching staff a delicious home-cooked luncheon—Miss Nell Cline, School Correspondent.

Parkside School—Pupils of the school are now organizing a student body and four new clubs have been started by students of the seventh and eighth grades. They are a Debating Society under Mrs. Abeel, a Foreign Exchange club under Miss Murray, a Glee Club managed by Miss Gilberg and the Nature Study club under Miss Wagner. A school paper called "The Spirit of Parkside" will also be started this term—George Burchell, School Correspondent.

Taylor School—The Taylor P.T.A. gave a whist party in the school auditorium October 21 to raise funds to buy victrolas for the two kindergartens. The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. Charles Gienola, chairman, Mrs. E. J. Ziegler, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Florence Barbieri and Mrs. Ann Coleman.



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City and County Officers

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on the last Monday of April 1928, after which 5 per cent. will be added for delinquency.

The Tax Office had a steady stream of taxpayers for the first day of the collection, and they were handled expeditiously by an extra force of clerks.

Ann McArdle the efficient bookkeeper of the License Department is on a visit to New York City.

Mabel Box has returned from her vacation, after enjoying a trip to Canada. Mabel knows where to go for a vacation.

Geo. McGinniss has been laid up with a severe injury to his foot. He is just about able to walk around now.

All of his friends will be glad to hear that Miles Walsh has returned after a vacation spent at Hobergs'. Miles has almost recovered from his recent operation.

John A. Lenehan, Superintendent of the License Department, has just returned from a short trip to Los Angeles.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

JIM FOGARTY is sporting a BRAND NEW 1924 Lizzie. The index business must be picking up.

Walter Castagnetto, Frank Thiebaut, Manus Kelly, and Audrey Levinson have just finished building a shack near San Rafael for duck shoots. Manus says there will be plenty of ducks for all, provided the ducks don't hear of the heavy artillery and stay in hiding.

Henry Brunner is going on his vacation. It's a sure bet, at this time of the year, that wherever he is going will be either near a tennis court or a football game.

Not mentioning any names, but one of our deputies fell up the steps the other day. He is now wearing some nice bandages. He says anyone can fall downstairs, so he must be quite proud of his accomplishment. A medal will be mailed to him.

Our handball "chump," Al Baptist, showed what he was made of when, at the recent California-St. Mary's football game, someone was shooting beans at his bald head, which was a wonderful target. After taking three or four he got up and turned around to the 50,000 football fans and challenged the sharp-shooter to a fight. Whereupon his manager and representative, Frank Thiebaut, advised him to put on his hat and the enemy ceased firing.

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

By Sidney W. Smith.

TREASURER John H. Thieler announces that, co-operating with the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors and Purchaser of Supplies, Leonard S. Leavy, he has facilitated the early placing of the Bernal Cut Bonds on the market. Bids on \$700,000 were opened October 17. This has made the City Engineer's office happy, and preliminary steps are being taken to obtain rights of way, etc., preparatory to the big cut.

Deputy John J. Greif, for many years assigned to the receiving teller's window in the treasurer's office, has severed his official connection with the municipality, having reached the retiring age. In speaking of John Greif and his sterling civic service one is apt to become submerged in superlatives. In his case, at least, the hackneyed sentence "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" is not a mere figure of speech, but

literal truth, and it is coming to him, many times over.

Major Buttgenbach, the office infant in point of service, was among the leaders in a recent Civil Service exam. for bookkeepers. The Major is a bit shy on this publicity stuff. He believes more in "sawing wood and saying nothing," is a great worker, an omnivorous reader, and popular with all hands.

The treasurer delivered the third lot of bonds, Sunset Tunnel Issue, \$71,000 to the tunnel contractors, The Youdall Construction Co., last month. These bonds are tendered in lieu of cash and bear 7 per cent interest, payable by the tax payers in the Tunnel District. This is the fifteenth progressive payment; two thirds of the money on the contract is now paid.

The Dandy Coppers of the Treasurer's Shot-gun Squad are behaving themselves, as usual. Officer W. J. (Bill) Riley, with a "nifty" equipment of the most approved piscatorial character, has gone to Cutting's Wharf, Napa River, to beard the tantalizing bass on his home base.

J. J. (Joe) Cusack has returned after a vacation in the South, where he represented the treasurer at the Convention of Inheritance Tax Appraisers in Hollywood. This convention was called by Hon. Ray L. Riley, the state controller, and is an annual affair. Some 150 tax appraisers, county treasurers and attorneys were present.

There is much propaganda being disseminated by certain Tax Reform Associations advocating abolition of the inheritance tax in this State. It is not likely California will feel like parting with an income of \$8,000,000. This amount was collected last year, and San Francisco's share was approximately 25 per cent. of the whole. During the last 30 days the following sums have been paid in to the Treasurer's Office by the executors of large estates:

Wm. F. Herrin, \$237,500; Bertha G. Haas, \$93,313.05; Anna M. Harkness, \$51,000; Leander Sherman, \$111,937.12.

The Park Cafes

THE Park Commissioners have under their jurisdiction two modern restaurants. These are the Herbert Fleishhacker Cafe and the Beach Chalet, both located on the highway at the beach.

The Herbert Fleishhacker Cafe is beside the Fleishhacker Pool, the downstairs section of which serves as bath house. The restaurant and soda fountain face the ocean. This room is well worth seeing. It is furnished in wicker with harmonizing drapes and decorations. It affords patrons the opportunity of having a meal served in pleasing and restful surroundings with a view of a broad expanse of the Pacific and its ever-passing ships. The food is prepared by experienced chefs under the direction of Manager Charles Ellars.

Mr. Ellars also has two refreshment kiosks on the edge of the pool. The commissioners are having built a number of picnic tables to be scattered in the shrubs nearby for picnic parties.

Further up on the beach, where the main drive enters the Great Highway, is the Beach Chalet. The dining room is on the second floor and, like the Fleishhacker Cafe, furnishes an ideal spot for a pleasant meal and a view of the ocean.

Manager Thomas J. Dowd has under his supervision a competent personnel.

Both of these restaurants are supervised by W. V. Belding.

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In Memoriam

EDWIN G. BATH

THE death two weeks ago of Supervisor Edwin G. Bath, for eight years a member of the board, is sincerely mourned by his associates and all city employees who knew him. Supervisor Bath passed on after an illness of more than a year, which began during a trip east in the summer of 1926 undertaken for the purpose of studying traffic conditions.

He attended the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Monday, October 17, and on the following day suffered a relapse which resulted in his death early Thursday, October 20. Following his trip east last year, when he was taken with a cold, heart trouble developed, and for several months he was unable to be present at the supervisors' meetings. The strain of his long trip, during which he studied traffic problems and their solutions in all of the big cities of the east, had been too much for him.

He sufficiently recovered, however, during the summer of this year to resume his duties and despite the warnings of friends and physicians attended the board meetings regularly. Several weeks ago he entered the campaign for re-election, opening offices down-town, which were in charge of his daughter, Miss Edith Bath. The strain of the campaign taxed his strength heavily. He insisted on appearing on the platform at many public meetings to speak on behalf of his candidacy, but after each address he was compelled by his physicians to take a two day rest, when even telephone messages were not delivered to him.

Ed Bath was born in Missouri, coming to California in 1900 to enter the insurance business. He became active in politics and in 1912 was a delegate from San Francisco to the Progressive Party convention in Chicago, at which Theodore Roosevelt was nominated for the presidency and Hiram W. Johnson for the vice-presidency. In 1909 he was admitted to the bar and specialized in insurance law. For some time he was general agent of the Pacific Mutual in San Francisco. He was 48 years old.

At his own request the funeral was held privately from the family residence at 117 Cole street, on Saturday, October 22. He is survived by a widow, his daughter Edith and a sister, Mrs. Emma Munro of this city.

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Board of Supervisors

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time. When these plans and specifications have been approved by the trustees, it will be the function of the Supervisors to give final action to the plans as laid out or to suggest changes deemed of benefit to the public.

The supervisors are pledged to give first consideration to needs of various veteran organizations in voting final approval to the War Memorial plans. With the Memorial completed, the group standing in the heart of San Francisco will be second to none and will be forever the pride of our people. The planning for future growth along scientific lines and the beautification of our public parks and play grounds is indeed a duty that cannot be borne lightly.

Because of continued illness, Frank A. Murphy, boiler-maker's helper in the fire department, has been granted an additional 60 days leave of absence without pay.

A Real Color Artist

ARTISTS must know their colors else their art lacks appeal to the soul. House painters must know their colors or they don't get paid. Even advertising men, nowadays, must know their colors or they don't "get over." And Louis Claveloux must know his colors.

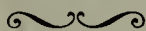
With Louis it is a lot more important than with artists or house painters or advertising men. With Louis it is a mere matter of about \$4,000,000 a year, which is much more than even the best of artists are paid. Louis is in the office of Treasurer John H. Thieler, and he handles more colors in a day than fourteen modernists painting pictures of doughnuts interpreting twentieth century civilization.

Louis must have a fine sense of distinction in colors and a good memory for them, too, or he would soon find himself in serious trouble. He is known as the "keeper of coupons" where the precious bits of colored joy producers run the gamut from phototrichromatic green to soviet red. During the last fiscal year he handled about 200,000 of them.

When one considers that color on a coupon is just as important as shoulder straps on a teddy, and that after being accepted and paid this mass of Municipal I.O.U.'s must be assembled, counted, accounted, classified, assorted and recorded, one is not astonished that Louis has sent an appeal to Treasurer Thieler to be discriminative in the details of hues and tints and blends, especially in the forthcoming issues of bonds recently voted by the people.

These little coupons are only one inch by two inches in size, sometimes smaller, but they mean millions of dollars in the aggregate, so Louis, who pays them, has to know them by their first names before he lets any money go over the counter. The first name is the color. Needless to say, Louis has the reputation of being an expert in color tints and their meanings, and is as ambidexterous in their handling as a professional poker player.

Last year Louis paid out exactly \$3,832,186 on these little coupons, and this year the total will run well over \$4,000,000 on twenty-five bond issues. Let some artist work that over on his palette.



At the Auditorium

- Nov. 1.—Pop Concert.
- Nov. 2.—Court Washington No. 37 F. O. A.
- Nov. 3.—Louis Verrett—Social Club-Dance.
- Nov. 4.—Y. M. I. and Y. L. I.
- Nov. 5.—S. F. Fire Department.
- Nov. 6.—United Irish Societies.
- Nov. 7.—Colored Mens Non Partisan League—Polk Hall Alice Seckles—Main Hall.
- Nov. 9.—Selby Oppenheimer—Mme. Breslau.
- No. 10 to 21.—Foreign Trades Exposition.
- Nov. 22.—Celebration of 7th Centennial of St. Francis of Assisi.
- Nov. 23.—Thanksgiving Day, Homeless Children.
- Nov. 25.—Mme. Breslau.
- Nov. 26.—South of Market Girls.
- Nov. 28 to Nov. 30.—National Assn. of Refrigerating Engineers.



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In Memoriam

JOHN P. HORGAN

JOHN P. HORGAN, chief building inspector of San Francisco for more than a quarter of a century, passed away at his home, 234 Cole street, on October 10 after an extended illness. He was 56 years old.

Mr. Horgan was the son of a pioneer family and a native of San Francisco. He was educated in the public schools here and then entered the contracting business. In 1900 he was appointed Chief Building Inspector. Six years later the city was laid waste by fire and Horgan gained national prominence for his work of reconstruction.

Members of the Board of Public Works and many other city employees attended the funeral held on Monday, October 13. A requiem high mass was celebrated at St. Agnes Church and interment was made in Holy Cross Cemetery. He was a prominent member of the Knights of Columbus, California Council 880, San Francisco Lodge No. 3, B.P.O.E., the Olympic Club and the Carpenters' Union, Local 22.

Mayor James Rolph Jr. and other city officials acted as honorary pallbearers. The pallbearers included John R. Hand, Joseph F. Kane, Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien, Fire Chief Thomas R. Murphy, President of the Board of Works, Timothy Reardon, Supervisor Cornelius J. Deasy, Robert Luhman, Isaac Silver, and Emil Hoerschner.

He is survived by a widow, a son, John P. Horgan Jr., a daughter Lillian, a brother Dennis, and three sisters, Miss Agnes Horgan, Mrs. A. C. Dale and Mrs. Robert Davidson.

Municipal Organizations

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man. Glowing reports were received of activities in all the cities he visited, especially New York, Chicago, and Seattle. The officers and entertainment committee, with John A. O'Connell of the Labor Council, made certain that their guests were properly entertained.

The annual banquet of Local 11 will be held on Saturday evening, November 12, at a Broadway restaurant. The committee is working on a program which will eclipse that of last year. Approximately 120 members will attend.

L. E. Fenton recently donated a large silk American flag to our local.

The Executive Committee, in conjunction with other municipal organizations, is endeavoring to bring about slight changes in the retirement system which will be beneficial to all concerned.

While working in the Potrero, C. Dennis tried to help a cowboy herd a runaway porker. Instead of running away Mr. Pig started for our well-dressed field assistant. The way Denny beat it would make Charley Pad-dock look as if he had lost his legs.

Charlie Muller wants to know who sent the salesman to his home to sell him a mausoleum.

Ivan Flamm and party are engaged in checking monuments in the Potrero and Bay View districts. Doc Farnum is doing the heavy work with the transit.

At the Engineers' ball game we met George Code and his family. Too bad George did not go on the stage. Eddie Foy and his SIX children made a fortune before the footlights.



Employees Retirement System

FOLLOWING is a statement of retirements and payments during September of the San Francisco City Employees' retirement system:

Retired for Service—

Assessor: Wm. W. Anderson, deputy.

Board of Education: Eva A. North, teacher.

Retired for Disability—

Board of Public Works: John H. Carter, conductor, Municipal Railway.

Death Claims Paid—

Board of Health: Charles J. Simpson, steward, emergency Service, \$1,856.40. Charles W. Irish, farmer, Laguna Honda Home, \$1,808.97.

Board of Public Works: William H. Frederickson, painter, \$2,182.80; George G. Philbon, bricklayer, \$2,420.58; Thomas H. Lind, laborer, \$1,315.95; Matthew Twomey, laborer, \$1,012.32.

Total death claims paid in September, \$10,597.02.

Retirement allowances paid to retired members, \$25,260.96.

Accumulated contributions returned to members leaving city service, \$3,624.38.

Total payments to beneficiaries, retired members and ex-members, \$39,482.36.

Board of Administration.

John W. Rogers, President.

Ralph R. Nelson, Secretary-Actuary.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

By Ivy Cerkel

LEOHARD S. Leavy, purchaser of supplies, during the month of October solicited bids and awarded contracts on various supplies amounting to more than \$160,000.

Contracts on foodstuffs, including meats, groceries, etc., were awarded to various firms to supply the Health Department, Jails, Juvenile Detention Home and the City Prison during the next four months; and these departments also requisitioned and received a four months' supply of canned fruits, vegetables, beans, dried fruits and spices.

Compiling summary sheets and rebinding of books were items awarded for the School Department.

The Fire Department laid in a supply of new hose and some new apparatus and the Health Department replenished its stock of crockery, X-Ray Supplies, and Hospital Supplies.

The athletic equipment for the School Department and the Playgrounds will be a large order for November.

November will be a busy month with food also, as the city institutions will all be needing turkeys, cranberries, nuts and most everything.

Personal letters have been sent by the fire commission to nine members of the police department and also to the police commission thanking them for co-operation in handling two serious fires during October, one at Fourth and Harrison streets and one on Twin Peaks. The police officers praised were Lieutenant John J. Casey, Corporals H. Chamberlin and Harold Levy and Officers George A. Rocarde, George Sullivan, Joseph Kelly, John F. Hanley, Walter J. Lynott and Joseph J. Connell.

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Oddities In Assessments

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over-assessments. These complaints require new investigations and adjustments. New stores, factories and business enterprises must be listed in order that they may not escape payment of their personal property taxes and the same applies to the furnishings of new hotels, apartment houses, residences and taxable shipping.

An odd fact is that deaths add their quota to the work, for probate records and inventories must be studied. These investigations often lead to the discovery of large amounts of property that were never returned for assessment when the decedent was alive.

At the head of the office is Assessor Russell L. Wolden who served for more than ten years as chief assistant and confidential advisor to the late John Ginty. Mayor Rolph appointed Wolden to be head of the department upon the death of Ginty.

Wolden's chief deputy, H. Zimmerman, has been employed in the office since 1904. W. W. Anderson who joined the office force in 1901 was retired last month. Among other employees who joined the office in 1904 and who are still there are Robert Shepston, Edward McDevitt, Jerry Moore and M. F. Harris. Following is a list of the permanent personnel of the office:

R. L. Wolden, assessor, B. E. Simon, H. J. McHenry, Robt. S. Shepston, H. Zimmerman, M. F. Harris, Chas. H. Krause, W. H. Thomas, Jerry Moore, Frank A. Lawler, John Sermattei, E. G. Klopfer, E. J. McDevitt, J. T. Mooney, A. D. Allan, H. L. Morrow, Chas. O. Levy, Chas. W. Meyer, J. A. Gallagher, P. Hirleman, E. M. Wolff, Chas. L. Braun, T. J. Labhard, W. C. Stetson, Joseph Tuite, W. W. Anderson, Frank Grimes, James Craven, John A. Cullen, Chas. H. Dodge, Henry F. Beicke, A. R. Bartlett, Camellia Rosette, Gladys M. Smith, Frances O'Neill, Harriet Livermore, Adele Long, Lillie Kuck, Mary Alexander, Winifred Gaffney, Louise M. O'Hara, Emma L. Foley, Margaret Lewis, Anna A. Conran, Gertrude Spencer, Cora B. White, Daniel J. Collins, Vivian Schulz, Andrew I. Kenny, Herman W. Luft, Mary Holehan.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

OUR genial cashier of the Municipal Water Works William Hamilton, deserves much credit for escorting and looking after some two hundred orphans who were his guests at the baseball game held on October 8, between the Los Angeles and San Francisco Engineers. To Mr. Hamilton alone goes the credit for arranging transportation, delicacies of all kinds as well as looking after their welfare in general. St. Joseph's Orphanage appreciated his fine work.

Wm. "Dick" Fitzgerald, Secretary of the Board of Public Works is in the midst of a strenuous campaign for Sheriff.

The Board of Public Works is to receive bids on twenty-five street jobs on November 2. This will be the record day for the number of bids to be received on any one day.

The Board will receive bids soon for the first unit of the Bernal Cut.

Thomas Lannon the stenographer in the main office has just returned from his honeymoon spent at Glacier Park.

We note that Pansy is back on the job chipper than ever. The change of climate surely agreed with her.

The Cup Winners

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Sunday morning the visitors were taken on a sight-seeing tour of the city. After lunch the trip was resumed and finally wound up at the Southern Pacific depot about three minutes before train time.

We feel sure that the southern boys went home happy and satisfied regardless of the fact that they lost the game and are convinced that San Francisco is a city that really knows how.

Following is the box score:

SAN FRANCISCO ENGINEERS						LOS ANGELES ENGINEERS					
AB	R	H	O	A		AB	R	H	O	A	
Clancy, ss.	3	0	1	3	2	Pearson, 3b	5	0	0	3	4
Mooney, 2b	5	2	2	3	0	Bapst, l.f.	5	0	1	1	0
Tidell, rf.	1	1	1	0	0	Burns, s.s.	4	1	1	3	2
Manelli, c.f.	4	1	1	2	0	Patz, r.f.	5	2	2	1	0
Reed, lf.	5	1	1	3	0	Rossell, 2nd	4	1	1	3	4
Pengle, 3b	4	1	1	0	4	Thompson, cf.	5	1	2	4	0
Tomasich, 1b.	4	1	1	8	1	Cox, c.	4	1	1	1	2
Amarosa, c.	4	1	1	8	1	Holder, 1b.	4	1	3	10	0
Bahr, p.	1	1	0	0	1	Fromme, p.	0	0	0	0	0
						Brietler, p.	4	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	9	9	27	9	Totals	40	8	11	27	13

SCORE BY INNINGS

Los Angeles	0	0	0	5	1	1	1	0	0	—	8
Base hits	0	0	1	4	1	2	2	0	1	—	11
San Francisco	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	9
Base Hits	4	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	—	9	

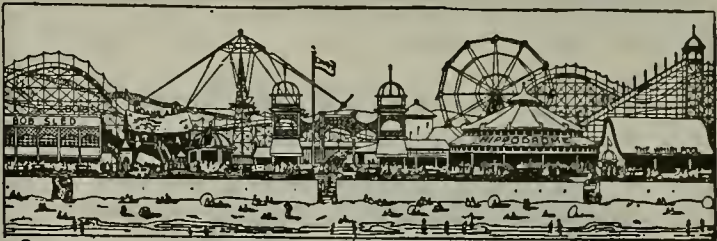
Innings pitch by Fromme, 2/3; Bietler, 8 1/3, Bahr, 9. Credit victory to Bahr. Charge defeat to Fromme. Hits batted off, Fromme 4, Bietler 5, Bahr 11. Runs scored off Fromme 7, Bietler 2, Bahr 8. Struck out by Fromme 0, Bietler 1, Bahr 7. Bases on balls off Fromme 3, Bietler 3. Hit by pitched balls, Tomasich, Reed, by Bietler. Wild pitches, Bietler 2, Bahr 1. Passed balls, Cox 3, Amarosa 1. Stolen bases, Bapst, Tidell. Two base hits, Manelli, Mooney. Sacrifice hits, Rossell, Thompson. Double plays, Pearson-Rossell, holder. Time of game, 2 hours, 15 minutes. Umpires, Manouk, Sweeny.

Mayor George E. Cryer of Los Angeles with a delegation of Los Angeles councilmen and supervisors paid a visit to San Francisco October 17 when the party arrived on a special excursion on the steamer City of Honolulu.

The Los Angeles officials were met at the dock by Supervisors Jesse Colman, Walter Schmidt, J. Emmet Hayden, and Charles Powers and were escorted to the city hall. There they were welcomed by Mayor Rolph and the Board of Supervisors, which was holding its regular Monday meeting.

William A. Hamilton, assistant secretary of the Board of Works, has been elected lecturer for Mission Council, K. of C. No. 2519. Hamilton is a charter member, having left Council 615 to organize the new body which now has 214 members. Hamilton has been a member of the Caseys for fourteen years.

William H. Scott of the Municipal Railways has been active during the last few weeks in promoting the campaign for the Municipal Railway Extension Bond Issue. In addition to his regular duties he has been acting as secretary of the Citizens' committee formed to handle a campaign in favor of the bonds.



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FRANCIS SCOTT KEY SCHOOLYARD, 42nd bet. Irving and Judah Sts., Bonnie Stephens.

FARRAGUT SCHOOLYARD, Holloway Ave. bet. Faxon and Capitol Sts., Constance Sturgeon.

S. J. Brun, prominent member of the French colony here, acted while in France on a recent tour as the personal representative of Mayor Rolph at a celebration in Paris of the centenary of Marcelin Bertholet, one of the founders of modern chemistry.

F. J. Ferguson, recording secretary of the Per Diem Men's Association, was a delegate to the national convention in Los Angeles of the American Federation of Labor.

Of Interest to Women

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I HOPE that everyone takes time to read "Trader Horn," one of the most charming books I ever had my hands on. It is the authentic story of an old peddler in South Africa, who saw everything and remembered it. "Benjamin Franklin, the First Civilized American," is another fetching bit for autumn evenings, and for those who look upon "Poor Richard" as a rather smug, and not very interesting character, I recommend the above biography. It has always been a marvel to me that biographers insisted on making our early Americans into such dull figures. Now that the Victorian doctrine that anything interesting or amusing is necessarily not quite nice, is past, we may have a more palatable set of personal narratives. The book I mention is a good beginning.

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MY sandwich for your pickle!" "My cookie for your doughnut!" What zest these "trades" gave to the noon lunch at school, and how they upset Mother's careful menus! Often our whole lunch went to some shrewd bargainer in exchange for "aggies" or some other coveted treasure. Swapping lunches and the thrilling pilgrimage to the horse trough for a drink were the stock entertainment in the "days of real sport."

In this up-to-date world of school nurses and Parent-Teacher Associations, many a mother can draw a breath of security in the knowledge that after the kiddies have finished a substantial breakfast and started to school, she need have no further worry about their food until school is over in the afternoon and "the gang" appears in the kitchen with the familiar request for something to eat.

The scientifically planned lunch served at school is one of the great educational advances of the age but there are still many localities where this is not yet feasible and the time-honored lunch box still exists.

To make the lunch appealing, dress it up as attractively as possible and put in an extra sandwich or two for hospitality. Leaving the peel on fruit and the shell on eggs will slow up the impulse to bolt and be off to play.

A good lunch box menu consists of whole wheat sandwiches with filling of crisp lettuce and Best Foods Mayonnaise, a baked apple, a cookie and maybe one piece of candy. Another might include sandwiches of bread spread with Nucoa, thin slices of meat loaf, a caramel custard and an orange. Remember that milk is milk whether taken from a bottle with a straw or served in a dainty custard or other dessert. A third meal could be made from sandwiches of cottage cheese with a little finely chopped Bread and Butter Pickle, on brown bread thinly spread with Nucoa, a few dates and an apple. For another day, try whole wheat sandwiches with Nucoa filling, a hard boiled egg with a little Best Foods Thousand Island Dressing to go with it, a piece or two of heart celery and fruit cookies. Nut bread sandwiches spread with Nucoa or Best Foods Mayonnaise, the thermos bottle of hot soup, an apple, and a piece of cake would form a substantial meal for a cold day. Cornbread spread with Nucoa, gingerbread, an occasional bacon sandwich and peanut butter all do their share toward building up pep and energy in the coming generation.

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By Judge Thomas F. Graham

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IF a young wife wishes to aid her husband, and together they labor for that ultimate home both have in mind, what could be more laudable? The wife is not neglecting home ties. She is more often building toward a firmer foundation for marital unity and happiness. The woman with babies to care for is not thinking of earning a salary of her own. It is only the young wife who is anxious to aid her husband in every way possible.

But the world may ask to what cause or causes I ascribe the growing increase in divorce, and what remedy, if any, I have.

The root of all marital unhappiness is sex difference. Usually there is another woman or another man waiting around the corner.

A contributing cause to the growth of the divorce business was the war, although it took place nearly a decade ago. Thousands of ill-assorted couples, united during a flash of emotion and separated immediately while the husband went overseas, have had to make their readjustments in the divorce courts.

I've had some of these wives in my court—many of them, in fact. One of them said to me, "Judge, I just happened to draw a blank."

And there you have it. In such a case only divorce can bring happiness.

The remedy lies with the body politic. The awakening must come from within. Too often, hurried thinkers would check an evil by striking at the effect rather than the cause. Of course, the divorce laws should be stiffened. Divorce suits should be heard in a specially appointed court whose judge should be a man to inspire the confidence of those who enter the divorce tribunal. He should have sufficient tact and sympathy to iron out the difficulties where that can be done, to be made a confidant in the pitiable tales of domestic strife and bickering, to bring the wavering together.

Duty is the basis of domestic order, as it is of public order. To argue that divorce is sanctioned by some laws and consecrated by some religions is to say that duty is powerless to sustain the family and to govern souls. To proclaim liberty of divorce is to proclaim that duty is secondary and that sentiment is the prime essential for the family. Divorce not only sunders a family bond but strikes at the foundation of family life and degrades society.

In effect, sentiment and emotion, laid down by some as the rule and sole explanation of marriage, would make marriage depend upon chance or a passing whim. Such writers declare marriage a servitude and duty a tyranny, and preach for the unlimited facility of divorce.

The true remedy lies in the moral teachings of the young and the example of the elders. Girls must be brought up with a sense of wifely duties and an appreciation of the burdens that marriage entails. Boys must be taught to respect the opposite sex, to consider marriage as binding for life, to weigh the future and be sure of being able to provide.

We will never, however, do away with divorce and unhappy weddings. That day will never come. We must admit that unhappy marriages will exist in the world as long as men take after Adam and women after Eve.

Behind the Scenes at Election

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be voted for in that group and then loudly complain that the machine won't work. Sometimes they fail to throw the curtain lever clear over and the machine remains locked against voting until they complete the motion. Occasionally an election officer fails to pull the release lever. Such are the sources of the complaints that are telephoned in and send our deputies scurrying out to remedy them.

Toward the end of the day, when the heaviest voting occurs, the delays caused by such mistakes are very troublesome. The worst happened last year when a business woman took the pamphlet containing the amendments and, after closing the voting machine curtain, calmly read each amendment before casting her vote. She was quite indifferent to the complaints of a long queue of waiting voters. The election board should have ejected her when the time limit was up.

Despite such delays the voting machine is a big success. It accurately registers the will of the voter and, at the close of the day, the result is immediately obtainable merely by unlocking the back of the machine and reading the figures displayed on the counting dials.

When the polls close the Inspector of the Election Board brings the results to the Registration Office in the City Hall. Here a force of clerks sit at a battery of adding machines—one for every candidate—and tabulate the vote as it comes in. The partial results are given to the press at intervals and chalked up on a blackboard in the big registration room where the politicians and their friends, and some whose interest seems to be merely monetary, gather and watch the outcome of the campaign.

Sometimes a close race will create great excitement as first one candidate and then the other will forge to the front. More frequently the contenders' final position is pretty accurately forecast by the time a hundred precinct results are in.

The Department of Elections is under a Commission of five members who are appointed by the Mayor and serve for four years. The President of the Commission is C. J. Collins. The other members are Dr. J. E. Bohm, John Hermann, J. W. Jackson and J. K. Prior, Jr.

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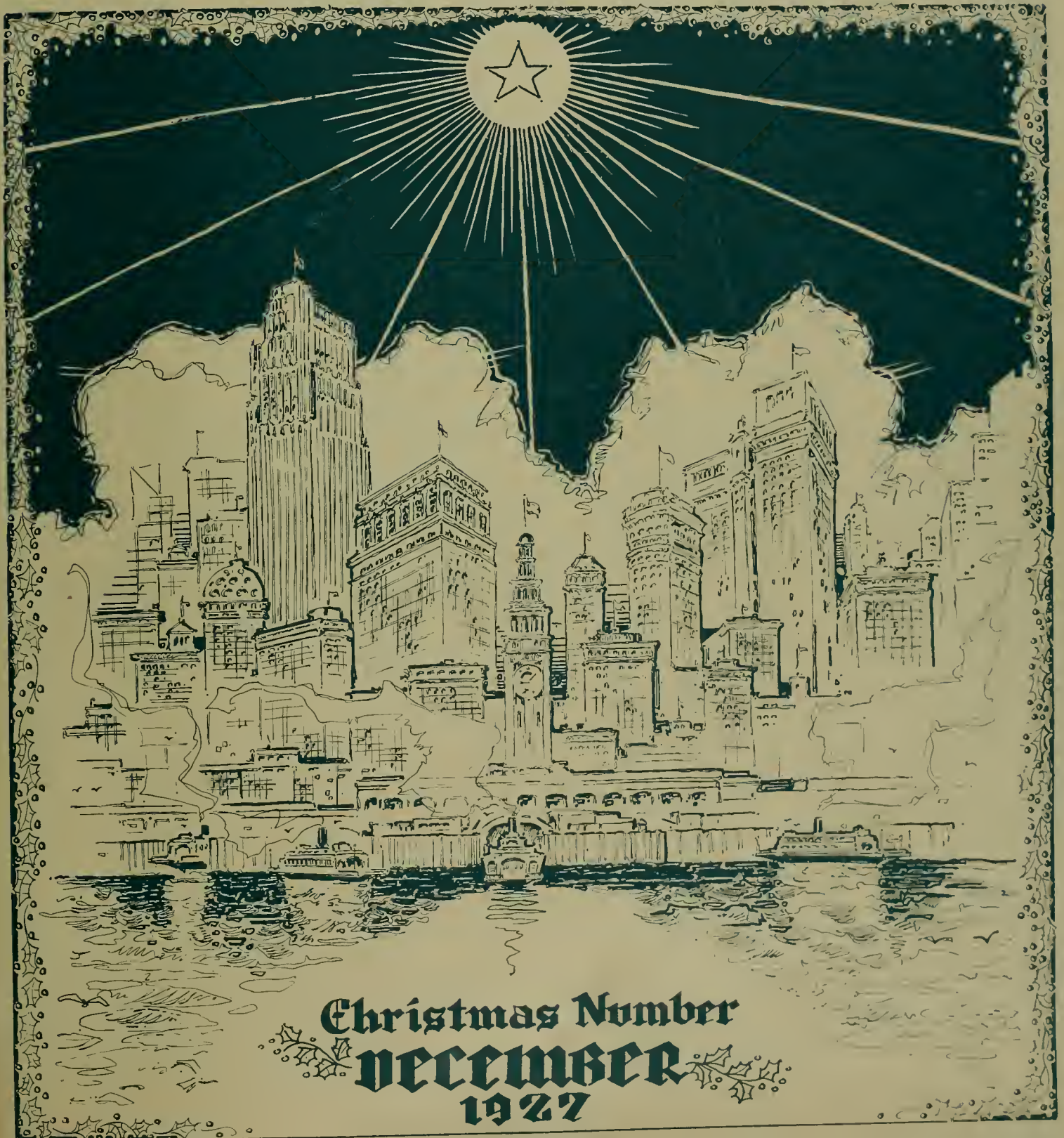
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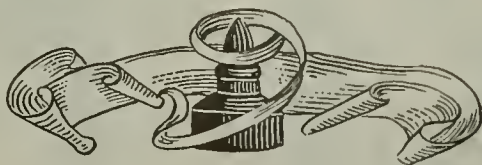
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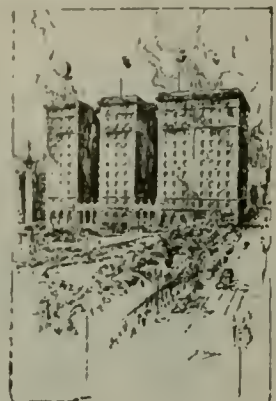
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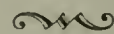
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DECEMBER, 1927

Settling Down to Business

A good deal of water has gone over the mill since our last issue, what with the passing of the municipal election and Armistice Day and Thanksgiving.

Any municipal campaign, and especially one so heated as that through which we have just passed, holds incalculable benefit for a city, entirely aside from the mooted questions of fitness for office of those candidates who seek the suffrage of the people. Election time is always the time for reappraisal of public activities and re-dedication, both of the people and of the

office-holder, to the public good. If elections had no other purpose than that of arousing the people every so often to discussion of municipal projects and policies, they would be worth all the turmoil and disappointments they incur.

During the six weeks before election there was little opportunity of arousing any high pitch of enthusiasm in other activities of city employees, but since election several movements of importance to the city worker have been started.

The finance committee of the Board of Supervisors, for one thing, has started the Board thinking about the pay raises asked by some 1170 city employees.

There is no doubt as to the attitude of the Supervisors and of the Mayor toward these requests. The latter has clearly indicated, as have many members of the Board, that they consider the requests worthy. The city charter expressly provides that employees of the city shall be paid a wage equal to that prevailing elsewhere for the same work. The majority of the requests now before the Board are from employees who are not being paid a wage equal to that given co-workers in private employ. Their requests are eminently just and are so recognized by the city government.

An important step was taken last month when representatives of seven associations of city employees met to provide a clearing house for suggestions to amend the Retirement System regulations. The Board of Administration of the Retirement System has indicated its desire to consider such suggestions when the report of the actuarial survey is in its hands early next year. Every employee of the city and every association, club or union of city employees is expected to have his or its viewpoint represented when the actuarial report is considered.

The Civil Service Association is also engaged this month in a drive for membership. In time of prosperity the individual is apt to forget that, fighting by himself, he could never have brought about the conditions which make him so contented. In union there is strength.

By Delos F. Wilcox



San Francisco's Transportation Problem



THE development of an adequate local transportation system in any urban community is a branch of city planning. Local transportation facilities in large measure determine how a city shall grow. On the other hand the layout of streets, tunnels and viaducts, and the location of parks, resorts, schools, public buildings, depots and ferries, determine whether or not adequate transportation facilities can be easily provided. Of course, the topography of the site is the raw material that the city planner has to deal with. It is always a major factor.

Physical San Francisco, in its shape, size and compactness, is exceptionally well adapted to city building and convenient local transportation. Its one important drawback, from this point of view, is the irregularity of its surface. It is a city of a hundred hills.

IN THE early planning of the city, apparently no guile was used. The streets were built straight up over the hills and down through the valleys, except where the grades became absolutely prohibitive, and there the streets went as far as they could and stopped. It is only in the more recent developments that San Francisco has tried to conquer its hills by a flanking movement rather than a frontal attack, with the result that the official map of the city is very deceptive to a stranger. In spots it shows the irregular and winding roads that suggest the contour of elevations, but if one goes from the map to the ground he will find that only a few of the hills have these earmarks on the map. In a study of transportation routes along the lines of least resistance, the flat map, with its official street layout, is a delusion and a snare. Any street laid out across San Francisco, in a straight line north and south, or east and west, is a sort of a roller coaster.

THE peculiar topography of this city enhances the importance of an abundant supply of transportation facilities, directly produces traffic for them, and holds automobile competition in check, while at the same time making a physically unified system of transportation hard to obtain. It is the hills that account for the surviving cable lines, separate in their physical operation, and in some cases unremunerative but necessary.

As great cities go, in the United States, San Francisco is not a city of long distances. It is only seven or eight miles diagonally across it, from corner to corner. It is not a city of cottages or even of two-story



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detached houses. The people of San Francisco do not take to gardening. In this respect, it resembles some of the big cities of the Atlantic seaboard, New York, Boston and Baltimore, more closely than it does Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis or Los Angeles.

San Francisco has no rivers to cross, no expansive tide flats to keep away from or work around. It is the square head of a peninsula, with deep water on three sides, and pretty well separated by mountains from the rest of the peninsula. It has no unlimited residential hinterland stretching out on every side. It does not have the problem of an endlessly expanding system of streets and car lines. Its suburbanites live across the Bay and get in the best they can. They pay extra for their transportation to the city. If they take a ride within the city limits, it is a short one, but the fare is the same to everyone. The ferries deliver traffic into the city, and Market Street absorbs it. The street cars on that thoroughfare get rush hour loads, going and coming.

ANOTHER important factor is the climate, which permits of construction and maintenance work throughout the year. Rain is the only climatic enemy to contend with, and that is not serious. The absence of extremes of heat and cold keeps laborers invigorated. They can spend their energies at work without having to fight the weather. An open season all the year round with no floods, no snow, no heavy

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"I Hereby Devise and Bequeath---"

By HENRY BOYEN
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Illustrated by THOMAS G. JACQUES

HUMAN institutions, long integrated in the pattern of the group mores, eventually become accepted as having existed always.

The student is confronted constantly with startling contrasts in the ways in which humans have solved the same problems at different times and in different parts of the world. The average person, however, accepts the particular solution of his own group as the only one.

It is hard to believe that the power of the disposition of property by will is a development of historic times, but it is. Even now, from a legal standpoint, "the power of disposing of property is neither a natural nor a constitutional right, but depends wholly on statute and may be conferred, regulated, limited, or taken away, in whole or in part by legislative enactment."—Commentaries on Wills, Alexander.

WE ARE activated by many motives in the attempt to perpetuate our desires, our responsibilities or our vanities beyond death.

Once in life, and conscious of ourselves as distinct personalities, humans are loath to accept the idea of spiritual or even of material disintegration. The religions and the philosophies of the world have ever been directed toward proving or disproving the immortality of the spirit. The laws of the world have been always busy with the perpetuation or the limitation of the rights of the individual over property during life and after death. It is with the latter problem that we are concerned.

In the little group of articles of which this is the first, the writer will attempt a brief summary of the

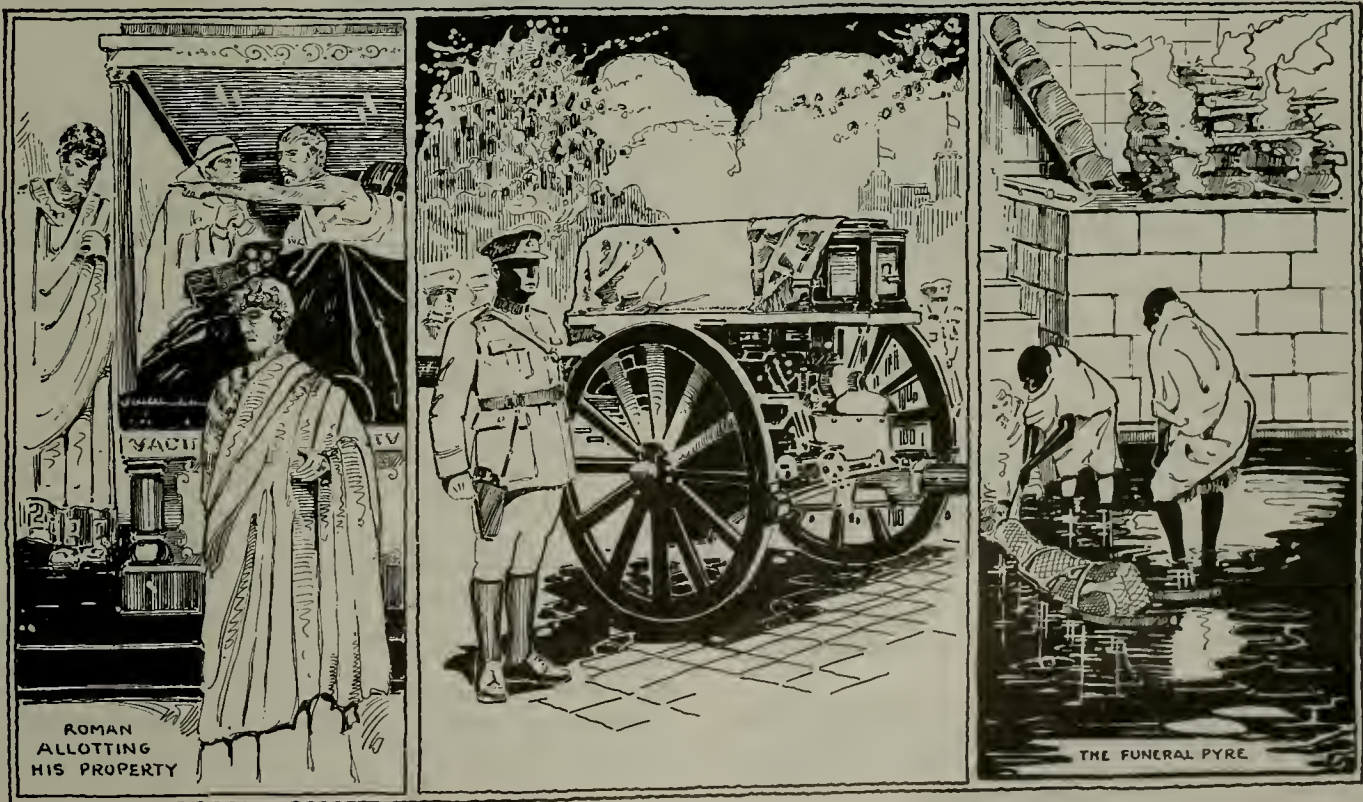
ways in which mankind has arranged to provide for the handing down of property in contemplation of death. The story of "wills" is almost the story of the growth of the "genus homo" from a lone savage of no group consciousness whatever into a civilized human being with a sharp sense of responsibility not only toward his own family, but toward his whole community.

In primitive life, when a man's possessions consisted of a few weapons, a domesticated animal or two and perhaps one or more wives, it was often a custom to bury all of his property with him, on the naive premise that he would need it all in the next life.

IN MANY parts of the world, even today, symbols of the old custom are still used in funeral ceremonies. The riderless horse is led behind the bier of the deceased military officer, but the animal is no longer slain at the grave. Flowers take the place of more substantial gifts, that were, in ancient times, food, slaves, armour, jewels and other elaborate matters. The wealth of archeological material in old tombs, from which we have been able to predicate much of the culture of the ancients, is the proof that even highly civilized peoples continued the ancient practice of burying a substantial part of a man's personal property with him, for his future use.

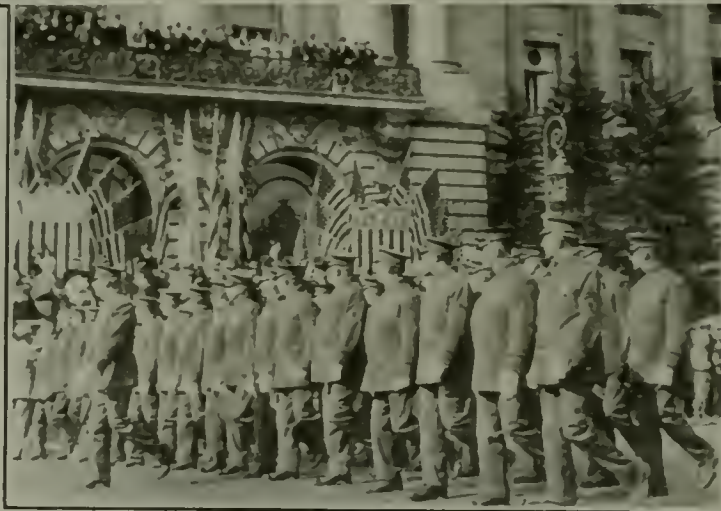
The suttees of India, not long since abandoned, made it mandatory for at least one of the wives of a high caste man to be burned with him on his funeral pyre that he might not be without attendance in the other

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*The
"Finest"
on
Parade*



Police Dept. Photo

*By
Daniel J.
O'Brien
Chief of Police*

ON SATURDAY, November 5, 1927, the Annual Inspection and Review of the San Francisco Police Department was held in the Civic Center followed by a parade down Market Street to the Ferry. This annual inspection and review was held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the San Francisco Police Department providing for drill and target practice. Every available member of the department took part, and promptly at 10 a. m. passed in review in the Civic Center.

THE commissioned and non-commissioned officers and patrolmen were reviewed by His Honor, Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and Police Commissioners Theodore J. Roche, Andrew F. Mahony, Jesse B. Cook and Thomas E. Shumate.

Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien was in command, and Captain Frederick Lemon acted as Regimental Adjutant.

This was the Twenty-seventh Annual Inspection and Review, and the soldierly appearance and manly bearing of the hundreds of San Francisco police officers were most favorably commented on by His

Honor, the Mayor, and his reviewing staff, as well as by thousands of citizens.

It is often wondered that the police department, although not strictly a military organization, could make such a splendid showing on parade. But it must be remembered that in the department are many war veterans, and it must be further considered that drill and military tactics are subjects the knowledge of which is compulsory in the matter of promotions within the department.

AS SAN FRANCISCO'S finest moved majestically down Market Street in exact tempo with military music furnished by the Municipal Band headed by Philip H. Sapiro and the San Francisco Police Band under the direction of Lieutenant of Police Richard F. Foley, everyone seemed to have time to admire.

Occasionally, during the year we hear or read the expression "San Francisco's finest," but on police annual inspection and parade day we can, with a minimum of mental effort, visualize that the rank and file of our well set-up, stalwart, neatly-uniformed, San Francisco police officers are, beyond yea or nay—"The City's Finest."

Nearing Half a Century of Service

IN TERM of service Dan Leary, Chief Statistician in the Auditor's Department, is the oldest name on the municipal payroll. In a general sense, this might not be considered of more than passing interest, but a closer acquaintance with his career involves a degree of attraction not to be held subordinate to that of the history of almost any citizen of San Francisco, in public or private life.

"Happy Valley," the section inclosing Stevenson Street in the vicinity of Second, was the locale in which, on the 30th of April, 1859, the Leary family celebrated the advent of a lusty youngster, afterward baptized as Dan.

Dan was inducted into school activities in the old St. Patrick's School, at the corner of Market and Annie streets, where now stands the Palace Hotel. In 1867 the family moved and Dan was entered on the roster of the old Lincoln Grammar School, presided over by Ira G. Hoyt, afterward Superintendent of Public Instruction. Then he added to his growing store of knowledge at St. Joseph's School, Tenth and Howard streets, under Professor Dwyer, whose son is Ignatius Dwyer, Chief Deputy Registrar.

When he could find no school capable of giving him further instruction, Amos Heister, proprietor of the Daily Stock Report, put him to work as mail clerk. Later he launched out as an apprentice in the composing room of the EVENING BULLETIN. Then he did tabulation in the printing office of Brodie and Valleau, and this, with a similar later employment with Spalding and Barto, brought to him an understanding which fitted him for his future employment in statistical compilations for the city.

In 1879 he was engaged in work on the assessment rolls in the office of City Auditor John P. Dunn, working later with Alexander Badlam and with Louis Holtz, Assessor. In 1882 he became steadily employed in the Tax Collector's office and then was elected to the State Assembly in 1885 as a staunch Democrat from the old Fortieth District.

His labors in the departments of revenue and taxation having won recognition from the heads of the various departments, his services were always in demand regardless of the political complexion of the office heads who changed every two years.

Dan was appointed Deputy Assessor under James C. Nealon in 1887 and Deputy Tax Collector under James N. Block in 1893, having for a colleague Charles S. Derham from the Pacific Bank, considered one of

the most experienced clerks in banking activities. With the election of William Broderick as Auditor, Dan went with him as supervisor of assessment books. Later he was sworn in as Deputy Auditor, and shortly thereafter as Chief Deputy, which office he held until Broderick retired in 1897.

Asa R. Wells coming in as the next Auditor, gave the chief position to his son, but assigned Dan as next in rank. In 1900, with the adoption of the new Charter when civil service examinations became compulsory, Dan passed with a high rating and remained as a permanent employee. His duties largely lay in superintendence of work on the assessment roll. His work involved estimates of expenditures and revenues, computing tax charts, supervising tunnel assessments and the like, and brought him up to the time, in 1910, when the incumbent, Thomas F. Boyle, was elected.

Mr. Boyle almost immediately recommended changes in the system of accounting and filing and also the handling of bond and interest coupons. From 1911 to 1918, under Auditor Boyle's instructions, Leary annually submitted to the Board of Supervisors a budget estimate as recommended by the National Board of Accounting Officers, but without avail.

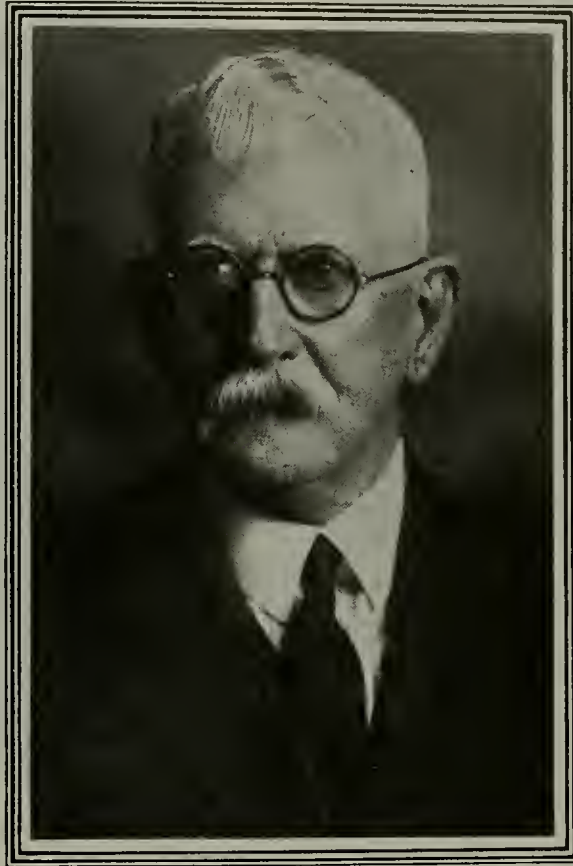
The auditor's annual report, supervised and assembled by Leary, consists of more than 200 pages, detailing the financial transactions of the municipality. During Auditor Boyle's second term, on the passing of John Pettee, the city's expert on assessment rolls, Leary was chosen from the staff to assume the duties of the position and has so continued. In 1911 the tax roll was \$10,300,561. It is now \$28,047,867, and Leary takes the greatest pride in stating that every dollar of the amounts charged in values, as well as taxation, has been accounted for.

Escaping from what some might term the "dry-as-dust" realm of figures and statistics, one of the rare pleasures of association with Dan Leary is to find him in reminiscent mood when he will consent to admit one to the *sanctum-sanctorum* of his thoughts.

It is on such occasions that realization is had of the remarkable character of the experience which has enriched his life with a store of memories upon which he may draw to dispel any possible shadows from his later years.

Early in his school career he became interested in athletics. He became an excellent sprinter, competing successfully with such speed-burners as Mike Geary.

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DAN LEARY

—Photo by Bushnell

The Steinhart Aquarium



THE Steinhart Aquarium of the California Academy of Sciences was formally opened to the public September 29, 1923. It has now been in operation four years, a period sufficiently long to justify a review of its history and an appraisal of its value to San Francisco and California as an institution of scientific, educational and popular interest.

A few words regarding its genesis would seem to be proper at this time.

The Steinhart Aquarium was really started on March 8, 1916, when, through the good offices of the late Rudolph J. Taussig, then treasurer of the California Academy of Sciences, Dr. Barton Warren Evermann, Director of the Academy, had an interview with Ignatz Steinhart in his office at the Anglo and London Paris National Bank. It was said that, at one time, Mr. Steinhart had expressed an interest in aquariums. Doctor Evermann had been interested in fishes and fishing for many years, especially during his twenty-three years in charge of the natural history work of the United States Fish Commission.

AT THIS interview Mr. Steinhart spoke freely of his earlier interest in aquariums, but added that he had lost that interest and had decided to devote his money to other purposes. At the close of the interview it seemed quite certain that Mr. Steinhart would do nothing toward establishing an aquarium in San Francisco. But the unexpected *does* sometimes happen; two days later Mr. Steinhart phoned Doctor Evermann to come and take luncheon with him at the California Market!

At that luncheon about the only things talked about were fishes and aquariums. Mr. Steinhart said that the conversation the previous day had revived his interest in aquariums. He asked many questions regarding location, cost of construction, operation and maintenance; whether both salt water and fresh water species could be shown, and many other details.

This meeting was followed in rapid succession by several others, usually either at the Argonaut Club or in Mr. Steinhart's office. At some of these conferences Leon Greenebaum and Albert L. Langerman also were present.

The details of these various conferences would make a story too long for our present purposes; suffice to say that on April 5, 1916, Mr. Steinhart said to Doctor Evermann that he had definitely decided to establish a public aquarium in San Francisco.

AMONG those who assisted Doctor Evermann in inducing Mr. Steinhart to reach this decision were Leon Greenebaum, enthusiastic angler and aquarist, and the late E. O. McCormick, then vice-president of the Southern Pacific.



IGNATZ STEINHART

On one occasion Mr. Steinhart and Mr. McCormick visited Golden Gate Park together to consider various sites, and Mr. McCormick then suggested essentially the site which the Aquarium now occupies.

On September 21, at a luncheon at the Palace Hotel at which Mr. McCormick presided, Mr. Steinhart made the first public announcement of his intention to provide funds for an adequate building adequately equipped, provided (1) that the aquarium be located in Golden Gate Park, (2) that it be under management and control of the California Academy of Sciences, and (3) that the City of San Francisco or some other body or institution supply the funds for maintenance.

FROM that moment the matter moved rapidly—the adoption of a charter amendment authorizing the Board of Supervisors to appropriate annually to the California Academy of Sciences the amount necessary to maintain the aquarium, Mr. Steinhart's decision to begin construction work in the summer of 1917, his sudden death May 15 of that year, and the announcement that he had left in his will \$250,000 to the California Academy of Sciences for aquarium purposes essentially on the conditions previously announced.

The executors paid the \$250,000 to the Academy December 17, 1919, and immediately the architect's engineer, Trygve Ronneberg, and Doctor Evermann

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Collecting the Whereewithal

By HOMER WARREN



THE history of taxation goes back to the beginning of civilization. Whenever men were joined together for peace or protection, a tribute was levied.

In Magna Charta is found the fundamentals of equity in taxation. That instrument decreed that the consent of the governed was an essential to the imposition of a tax, and that the burden of taxation be uniform in its application. We will not go back to the tombs of the ancient kings of a time long past, but will begin with the laws of our state as they are today.

Assessments are made on the first Monday of March each year by the assessor. All property standing of record to a person on that date is assessed in that name. Any subsequent transfer will not change it on the assessment roll, or on your tax bill for that year. The assessor also receives your sworn statements of all personal property, and collects on demand the tax on all personal property not secured by real estate.

ON THE first Monday in July the assessor delivers his completed assessment rolls to the Board of Supervisors, which, from that date until the third Monday of July sits as a Board of Equalization. The rolls are open to the inspection of the public during this time, and if you have any complaint to make as to your assessment you may file the same with the board. If you fail to take advantage of this opportunity you are deprived of any claim for reduction. No appeal can be made either to the assessor, the Board of Supervisors or the tax collector, and the courts will not even interfere unless fraud can be shown.

As soon as the books have been completed by the Board of Equalization they are delivered to the auditor. He immediately foots up the total amount of the assessments, and reports the same to the board, which then fixes the tax rate for the year.

AS SOON as the rate has been made the auditor must enter the tax in the assessment rolls, deliver the same to the tax collector and charge him with the amount of taxes to be collected.

The tax collector makes out the necessary tax bills, some 122,000, which are all carefully added and compared. On the third Monday of October in each year the taxes are due and payable. The first installment of the real estate taxes and the entire amount of personal property become delinquent on the first Monday of December, at 5 o'clock p. m., after which ten per



TAX COLLECTOR EDWARD F. BRYANT

—Photo by Bushnell

cent is added, and if not paid before the last Monday of April an additional five per cent is added.

The tax collector now proceeds to balance his books, and on or before the third Monday of December he must deliver to the auditor the assessment rolls. The auditor must carefully check the same and within five days return them to the tax collector. Since the year 1914 the tax collector has never been called upon to deposit a single cent with the treasurer after the auditor has finished his audit of the rolls.

The second installment, or last half of real estate taxes, is due and payable on the first Monday of January, and become delinquent on the last Monday of April thereafter at 5 p. m., after which five per cent is added, together with 50 cents for costs on each parcel assessed.

On the fourth Monday of May of each year the tax collector must deliver to the auditor the assessment rolls, together with a delinquent tax roll, containing all the delinquent items. The auditor must carefully compare the delinquent list with the original roll, and within five days return the delinquent roll to the tax collector. The original roll remains in the auditor's office.

ON OR BEFORE June 8 the tax collector is required by law to advertise all unpaid real estate and personal property taxes within the county, and fix the time when property, the taxes on which have not been paid, shall be sold to the state.

Until and including the day of sale, usually about the 26th or 27th of June, you may pay your taxes,

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Retirement Amendments Sought

By J. D. GIBSON

SUGGESTIONS for changes in provisions of the Retirement System are to be formulated by a new organization of city employees formed at a recent important conference at which representatives of seven existing organizations were present. The new organization is to be known as The Municipal Retirement Conference.

The Conference proposes to act as a sort of clearing house for suggestions for amendments to the Retirement System and will group all such suggestions for presentation to the Administration Board in compact form some time after the first of the new year. Action is being taken at this time in order to have the proposed changes ready for presentation with the completion of the Actuarial Survey of the retirement system now under way. This survey will probably be finished within three or four months. With the presentation of the employees' suggestions the Administration Board will be in a position to consider them in conjunction with the Actuarial Survey report.

The call for the meeting at which the Municipal Conference was born was issued by the Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Union, Local 11, and the meeting was held Wednesday, November 16.

Represented at the meeting were: the Office Employees' Association, San Francisco Civil Service Per Diem Men's Association, Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Union, School Principals' Association, San Francisco Federation of Teachers, Municipal Carmen's Union, San Francisco Municipal Civil Service Association.

AS THIS group was deemed to be sufficiently representative of the city employees a permanent organization was effected with W. C. Pidge as chairman and the name "Municipal Retirement Conference" was chosen.

After a thorough discussion of the aims and objects sought, a committee of five was appointed to convey to every municipal group, whether association or union, the purposes for which the conference had been created. This was done so that every city employee contributing to the Retirement System might have a voice in the suggestions.

Edward M. Coffey of the Civil Service Association was chosen chairman of the committee of five. His colleagues are Miss Genevieve Carroll of the Teachers' Association, John L. MacDonald of the Per Diem Men, Theodore Johnson of the Office Employees' Association and Robert J. Connolly of the Municipal Carmen.

Each organization is being requested to submit to the conference written suggestions looking toward changes or amendments to the Retirement System deemed to be necessary or advantageous to employees of the city.

As an illustration of the trend of suggestions already tentatively offered, the committee points out that the Per Diem Men stand for: (1) changing the age of compulsory retirement from 70 to 65 years; (2) retiring on

half pay any employee incapacitated while on duty and forced to retire thereby; (3) allowing an employee to retire on half pay after twenty years of service at the age of 65 years.

THE Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Union stands for: (1) reduction of the age limit of optional retirement; (2) making all service prior to entry into the system count as continuous service; (3) interruption of employment due to reduction of forces on account of, say, limitations of budgets or lack of employment, should not in any way militate against continuity of service; (4) increase of pension and annuity so that after a service of thirty years an employee should be allowed to retire on at least half pay.

It is pointed out to the associations that these suggestions are merely to indicate the general trend of those being offered, and that each body, whether it favor such suggestions or whether it be opposed to them, should submit its own program. The purpose is to get before the conference an expression of the sentiment of all employees regarding changes in the Retirement System, provided they desire any.

In its letter the conference committee says: "We are authorized to say that the Board of Administration of the Retirement System would welcome, and in fact invites, at the proper time, suggestions from all groups of employees which, in their opinion, would improve the Retirement System, and that such suggestions would be given careful consideration in the light of the results of the Actuarial investigation now in progress, and that no final action will be taken by the Board on the information resulting from said investigation without giving the employees an opportunity to present their suggestions and have them carefully considered.

"WE ARE of the opinion that all of this can be best accomplished through the medium of a central body which will receive and group all suggestions submitted so we will be in a position to present to the Board of Administration in compact and comprehensive form all the ideas emanating from city employees relating to this feature."

In addition to submitting proposed changes in writing each association or group is asked to appoint a committee of three representatives to confer with the conference committee so that a complete understanding may be established as to the whole procedure. Suggestions must be in the hands of the committee by January 1.

Communications should be addressed to Edward M. Coffey, chairman Municipal Retirement Conference, 1085 Mission Street.

October business at the Municipal Airport near San Bruno was nearly double that of September, according to the report of Superintendent Frank Flynn. During the month 638 planes, carrying 1091 passengers, took off or alighted at the field. The Boeing Air Transport Company now uses the field as the western terminal for its line to Chicago.

The Pathway of Delinquency

By ROBERT JAUDON BALL

Director, Department of Research, Boys' Aid Society

THE story of little Billie illustrates quite well the early beginnings of delinquency, and how many wild forms of behavior reactions among children often lead to more serious consequences than are usually expected by the average parent and teacher. Difficulties in the home of which the teacher is not always aware, and difficulties in the school and the child's social group of which the parent is not always aware, are often contributory factors leading to what we term juvenile delinquency.

The day before Billie's first truancy, his teacher told him that if he didn't prepare a good lesson for the following day she would send him to the principal's office and also send a note home to his mother. This threat had its effect on Billie, but not in the way the teacher intended it should. He did not prepare his lesson.

In order to escape the humiliation of the principal's office and possibly a beating at home, the only solution in his mind was escape. Escape from reality. He wandered off, and by supper time his parents became frantic and called the police to aid in a search for their boy.

By midnight Billie was found sleeping in the basement of a neighbor's house with nothing to cover him but a couple of gunny sacks. He was returned to his parents, who were greatly relieved, but who promptly thrashed him for running away. Billie was much chagrined, but in the days to follow, home and school work still remained a bore.

One day he disappeared again. He was going to take a longer shot at it this time and make sure that he wouldn't be caught so easily. He was getting to like this business, for having the whole police force out looking for him appealed to his pride and he would have something to talk about when he got back. It was going to give him a big "kick."

In the course of a few days Billie was located in a town close by. He was found wandering around the streets late at night, turned over to the juvenile authorities, and next day transferred to the Detention Home of his own city. On court day the judge committed him to one of the social agencies because the boy had stolen some money to buy food.

Billie was dissatisfied and disgruntled. His problem was not thoroughly studied and no adjustment was made. He was dismissed prematurely and with

no definite recommendations. He reverted to his old environment, his delinquent habits were beginning to take root, and before long he was in the throes of delinquency which finally caused him to be committed to a state school. This means that he will be in the State Reformatory for a period of one to two years.

This is a brief example of problems arising daily in our public schools and homes. Truancy, stealing, lying, discontent, irritability, restlessness, incorrigibility and other well known factors involved in human behavior leading to what we term delinquency, all

define in a sense what the word "adjustment" does not mean. By adjustment we mean adaptability to one's general and specific environment that tends toward what we call normal behavior. In children, this lack of adaptability is manifested in various ways, both at home and in the school.

Billie's story illustrates quite definitely that there was something wrong in his home. Just where the cause lay cannot be stated off hand, but there was a definite lack of adjustment between the boy and his parents, and also a school adjustment problem to be met.

A child's problems, one must understand, are just as important and even more so than are those of adults. It must be recognized that these children are going to become adults very soon and become integral units of society. For this reason should any of their behavior difficulties be left improperly corrected and their personalities be left filled with inhibitions, conflicts and repressions, society

will continue to struggle in the dark to find remedies for the correction of the confirmed and hardened delinquent who quite often finds his way to the penitentiary.

Likewise, we will continue to struggle with panaceas for the nervous, unstable and psychopathic child, often the result of a maladjustment in the home, who will eventually find that his home is in a state hospital for the insane.

Chief of Police O'Brien has asked the supervisors to appropriate \$15,376 for the relocation of traffic signals in accordance with recommendations of the McClintock survey. He estimated the total cost at \$28,014.



ROBERT JAUDON BALL

—Photo by Bushnell



Parks and Museums



By W. M. STROTHER

THE result of the election has made certain the completion of the Park Commission's great project of an esplanade and boulevard about four hundred feet wide and three miles long, stretching from the Cliff House to Fleishhacker Playfield, along the ocean front.

"This will be the finest boulevard I know of," said Superintendent John McLaren. "And I have seen them all. There will be a twenty-foot walk along the shore, then a lawn twenty feet wide. Alongside this will be a drive fifty feet wide, another lawn 125 feet in width and another drive of fifty feet. Sloping down from this will be a fifty-foot stretch of lawn, interspersed with shrubs, flowers and hardy plants. At a level eight feet below the other drives will be a service roadway thirty feet in width. The boulevard drives will be first macadamized, and when the earth has had time to settle, they will be paved with asphalt. They will each be a one-way street, the traffic moving in opposite directions."

Out of the total bond issue of \$9,380,000, this project will use a million dollars. The Board of Supervisors has already appropriated \$100,000.00 out of the good roads fund for grading the great highway, and this work is now in progress.

IN ORDER to show what can be done and what has been done in the way of transforming sand dunes into places of beauty and recreation for the benefit of the public, the Park Commission has had exhibits at two recent expositions at the Civic Auditorium. One was a booth at the Food Show from October 22 to 30, and the other was at the Pacific Foreign Trade and Travel Exposition from November 11 to 20.

At the Food Show the exhibit was in the Hayes side of the main Auditorium and represented a section of Golden Gate Park, with a water-fall and lakelet surrounded with grass, trees, shrubbery and flowers, as well as trees—pines, eucalyptus and leptospermum. A number of dwarf trees from the Japanese Tea Garden were also included. Canaries, cockatoos and finches from the aviary added to the interest and reality of the miniature park.

At the Foreign Trade and Travel Exposition the exhibit was located in the center of Larkin Hall. It represented Lloyd Lake and the Portals of the Past. This lake, named for former Park Commissioner Reuben Lloyd, with its setting of pines, cedars, and eucalyptus, and with the beautiful columns of the Portals of the Past on its bank, was reproduced with exactness. The portals originally formed the doorway of the A. N. Towne residence on Nob Hill, where they remained standing after the fire of April, 1906. Their beauty led to the desire to preserve them permanently, and they were accordingly removed to their present location in Golden Gate Park.

The designing of both of these exhibits was placed by Superintendent McLaren in the hands of Julius

Girod of his office, and with results so satisfactory that they attracted great attention and received many compliments. Earl Clement and Thomas A. Munro, Superintendent of Small Parks and Squares, co-operated in the installations.

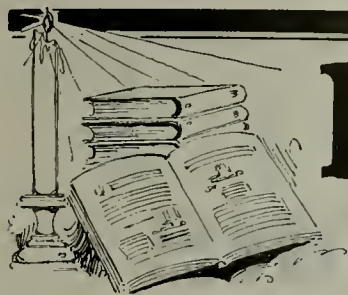
THE past month witnessed the dedication of two groves of trees in Golden Gate Park. On Sunday, November 6, the Grove of Memory Association, organized from the membership of the twenty-seven parlors of Native Sons of the Golden West and the thirty parlors of Native Daughters in San Francisco, dedicated the Grove of Memory, located on the Main Drive, opposite Sixteenth Avenue and Fulton Street. The ceremonies opened with a parade from Oak and Stanyan streets. At the site of the trees, which are redwoods of considerable size, a huge boulder, seven feet high, had been set, and on the face of this will be installed a large bronze plaque of beautiful design, including the names of the thirty-nine heroes from the membership of San Francisco's Native Sons who died in the World War. Individual trees are named for each. The chairman of the day was Supervisor Charles J. Power. The Association plans to start a campaign soon for the purpose of raising \$10,000 to purchase a seven-foot bronze statue of "The Dough-Boy" to be erected on top of the boulder. This beautiful statue and the plaque are both the work of M. Earl Cummings, well-known sculptor and member of the Park Commission.

The other grove is that planted in memory of the sons and daughters of all the wars of the United States. This was started at the suggestion of Mrs. Lucretia I. Henkel of Seven Pines Circle No. 3, Ladies of the G. A. R., and includes a tree from each state in the Union. A large committee, representing all the veterans' organizations, together with others appointed by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, co-operated in appropriate ceremonies on Sunday, November 27. This grove is located on South Drive and extends to Lincoln Way and east of Twenty-fifth Avenue. Governor C. C. Young of California, and the governors of all the other states were invited to participate.

THE new bridle path along the Presidio Parkway, connecting the equestrian paths of Golden Gate Park with those of the Presidio, has been completed and opened to the public. It is covered with gravel and the crossings of the paved streets have been reinforced with rock to take the wear caused by the horses' shoes. There are fifteen miles of bridle paths in the Presidio and twenty in Golden Gate Park, now all in one connected series.

The dedication of the Memorial Fountain by the California Grand Court, Foresters of America, at the

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Public Library

By MARION KASLING

ONE afternoon last summer, while I was spending part of my vacation in Paris, I decided to devote a few hours' time to study at the Bibliotheque Nationale, the famous National Library of France. During the forenoon hours I had been in the beautiful Bois de Boulogne, and the contrast between the sunshine and color of the morning and the subdued quiet

of the afternoon, struck me very forcibly.

In the Bois, everything was full of life and movement; gaiety prevailed everywhere. Here was quiet and rest, and the student and thinker could for a while forget that time was relentlessly rushing on.

As I walked down the Rue de Richelieu and passed through the principal entrance into the "Court of Honor" a feeling akin to awe came over me and I realized that this

was indeed one of the greatest libraries in the world. Founded by Louis XII in the fifteenth century, the collection of books has rapidly grown from a mere handful of volumes (the library numbered 450 volumes, only seventy of which were in French, during the reign of Francois I) into the most famous collection in the world.

As I passed through the main gateway I admired the beautiful statues, one representing Printing by Labatut, another Calligraphy by Coutau, the third Engraving by Hughes and the fourth Die-cutting by J. Becquet. I went up the large staircase and entered the Public Reading Room. I should have liked to have gone to the Students' rooms, but found that I should require a special card of admission which would take both time and influence to obtain, so I was satisfied to stay where I was.

It is difficult to describe the atmosphere which permeates the whole library, but I know that I have never seen any people who seemed so much to revere and love books as the French do. There were several hundred students deeply engrossed in their work that afternoon, not one of whom seemed to have a minute for idle curiosity or whispered conversation. I was interested to notice that no one was allowed to leave the library with any books or papers without a permit from a librarian.

The library has four departments: Printed Books

and Maps; Manuscripts; Prints and Engravings; Medals and Antiques. The department of medals and antiques is only open on two week days and requires a special ticket of admission. There are thousands of priceless volumes and one of the many which interested me greatly was the beautiful old Bible of Charles le Chauve.

In a beautiful large show-case in the second room some of the most valuable objects in the whole collection of antiques, are to be seen. The "Vase of the Seasons," which is made of exquisite blue glass and has reliefs of the four seasons in the most fragile white glass, I thought very beautiful.

In the Mazarin Gallery, which still has the ceiling paintings of Mazarin's palace, are found excellent reproductions of early printing, and many beautiful book-bindings. A special case is used for the bindings of Jean Grolier, who was the first person in France to have his books bound in the artistic Italian style.

It would be impossible to enter into details of the thousands of art treasures which the Bibliotheque Nationale contains, and only by seeing the library can one have any conception of its vastness.

What impressed me most was, as I have said, the wonderful atmosphere of the place; here one could forget everything for a while and give oneself up to the most intensive study. The reverence with which the French students hold their library, seems indeed to be a tribute to the untiring zeal and efforts of the many great men who have given their life's work to the Bibliotheque Nationale.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

By Frances Langpaap

SEVERAL changes have been made in the branch staffs. Miss Evelyn Smith, who formerly had charge of the Noe Valley Branch, has been moved to the Park Branch. Mrs. Isaacs, from the Mission Branch, will be one of Miss Smith's assistants.

The McCreery Branch, at Sixteenth and Pond streets, has an entirely new staff. Miss Enlow, from the Main Library Reading Room, will be in charge, with Miss Esther Buckley, formerly of the Noe Valley Branch, as assistant. Miss Castle, from the Circulation Department at the Main Library, has been moved to Noe Valley to take charge of that branch with Mrs. Hurt as assistant.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers has been moved from the Park Branch to the Mission, as exchange with Mrs. Isaacs. Mrs. Hildegard Rogers has taken a leave of absence from the Richmond Branch, her place being filled by Miss Davis.

The article on the Bibliotheque Nationale in this issue is by Mrs. Kasling of the Information Desk at the Main Library, who recently returned from six months abroad. Like all librarians who leave their own library, Mrs. Kasling visited all the important ones in her itinerary and her impressions are very interesting.



MARION KASLING

—Photo by Terkelsen

Municipal Organizations

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS' UNION

By J. L. Slater Jr.

THE second annual banquet of our local, held Saturday evening, November 12, was a decided success if the enthusiasm shown by those present was any criterion. Great credit is due to Ray Grier and the entertainment committee who spent many hours in arranging the details. The food, music and entertainment was excellent. Several of our immediate superiors were invited together with John A. O'Connell, of the Labor Council.

The preliminary survey on the Bernal Cut has been completed by Surveyor Coughlan and party. Sig Carlson and Charlie Gardner dragged the tape over the job.

Having been a barren tract of land as long as Bob McHugh can remember, the City Lands Tract is going forward in long strides. Many blocks of streets and sewers have been put in by E. A. Garen and party.

After the fills on Roosevelt Way were allowed to settle sufficiently, the order came in to lay the pavement. We'll wager that Ray Grier turned many an angle, as the job is practically all curves. It is understood that Charles Taylor will have charge of the construction.

Inspector Dan McCarthy has been taking care of a new sewer being laid on Noriega Street.

Many surveys for line and grade have recently been put in by Tom Lundy and party in the Sunset and Bayview districts. It seems that Tom cannot get away from the sand hills.

At our next meeting election of officers for the coming year will take place. Nominations are still open, so be sure to attend.

"Ducks" Muller's eagle eye must be going back on him, as Dave Hult told us he hasn't eaten wild duck this season. We can't figure that one as Muller always gets the limit every week end—so he says.

John Casey has been working on Vermont Street, where a serpentine street is under construction owing to the steep grades.

Andy Olson was nominated for Guide at our last meeting. Incidentally Andy is one of the regulars in attendance.

Jim Garbarino and Charlie Gardner were feeling blue the other morning. The price of peanuts went up three cents, we were informed.

Joe Meyerinck conducted a turkey raffle the other day and strenuously insisted that Phil Williams take the last chance. Phil did and won the turk, much to Joe's disgust.

We were told that Dave Hult hasn't bought any chewing tobacco for years. The other day Dave arrived at the hall with several pieces of a well known brand. He finally admitted that a friend had given it to him.

Roy Banks is still fussing around with his super-iodine set. Roy twists a mean dial in the evenings.

The Grand View Avenue project is completed with the exception of the pavement, which will be laid as soon as the ground has settled. Several retaining walls have been erected owing to the topography of the ground.

Bill Hatman was among those missing at the banquet. Bill said Mrs. Hatman was not in good health, which kept him indoors that evening.

During the dinner all present arose and drank (one-half of one per cent) to the health of Mr. and Mrs. Al Abrahamsen. Al is our newly-married field assistant.

CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

THE Civil Service Association is actively engaged in a membership drive and is sending to all municipal employees, except members of the police and fire departments, a letter urging the benefits of the organization. In part the letter says:

"You are no doubt acquainted with the aims and objects of the San Francisco Municipal Civil Service Association to protect principles of civil service and to extend the powers of the merit system.

"The public press has been full of our activities for the past year and while, no doubt, you have secretly applauded and approved, you have failed to give us the support which is essential to our existence.

"Have you ever stopped to consider the jeopardy in which you will be placed if the activities of this organization should cease?

"Remember civil service is not a divine right and could be entirely changed or abolished at any election that the people saw fit. This is not an idle dream. Have you forgotten proposed charter amendment 32 a few years ago which was fought so strongly and defeated by this association at a huge expenditure of money which would have placed your position at the mercy of your superior officer without recourse of a trial.

"The strength and influence of this organization was instrumental in having the Standardization Amendment changed so that no city employee would be reduced in his salary of that time.

"At last year's hearing on standardization of salaries it was the efforts of this association that resulted in each employee being given ample time to be heard and every one of our members had the right to be represented by our attorney free of charge.

"This association employs one of the foremost attorneys on civil service law to attend every meeting of the Civil Service Commission to protest any violation of the civil service provisions, a protection for every civil service employee, and he also ably repre-

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City and County Offices

THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

By Sidney S. Smith

JOHAN J. GREIF, deputy in the city treasurer's office, was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the treasurer and his staff Monday, October 31, at a down town restaurant.

T. K. McCarthy officiated as toastmaster, and many kind words were said about the old timer who now retires from City Hall business life.



JOHN J. GREIF

As to how the boys behaved themselves, that's another story. Some folks might have thought it a Hallowe'en party, but All Saints Eve was just a happy coincidence. It was a case of "speed the parting guest," for "Johnny" Greif, with all his stamina, is obliged to walk the pension plank, 70 years young.

Greif is a veritable veteran of political and civic vicissitudes, having spent nearly half a century in the municipal harness, filling many positions of responsibility and

trust. His baptismal billet was a clerkship under R. J. Graham, superintendent of streets, in 1882, when Chester A. Arthur was President of the United States. In 1887 he joined the county clerk's forces when William J. Ruddick was chief. During the hectic days of political conventions John Greif was a prominent member of the Old Guard, and in 1904 was elected county clerk. Defeated by the Schmitz deluge in the election of 1906, he couldn't quite come back in subsequent campaigns, so, ever a philosopher, he settled down to twenty years of service in the treasury.

Linking up the Victorian eighties with the twentieth century, John Greif, faithful, hard-working public servant, retires as alert and efficient as in the days of his prime. The municipality is the loser, but doubtless the law of compensation is at work and we will hope that he is the gainer by the change. Considering his unique experience, garnered through the years by work in the street, justice, county clerk, tax collector and treasury departments of the city government it is probable that he will be drafted by some discerning concern as was H. A. Mason and other graduates of the City Hall College.

The perennial youthfulness of our friend Greif is not appreciably dimmed by such a trifle as a statistical tabulation of decades. With perspicacity and pep remain with Greif and such attributes oft-times defy the mathematics of Father Time. Treasurer Thieler and his staff will surely miss his personality and his sterling aid.

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Under date of November 2, 1927, in the Chronicle's Hall of Fame, otherwise known as "Twenty-five Years After" there appeared the following: "Walter J. Buttgenbach, a former University of California student who had enlisted as a private in the army as an opening to a military career, received his commission as Second Lieutenant. Buttgenbach was retired with the rank of Major in 1920. He lives in San Francisco."

Yes, the Major has now retired from the service and has joined the forces of the San Francisco Municipality. Through Civil Service channels he entered the office of City Treasurer Thieler as a bookkeeper. During the World War he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, later being retired as Major in the regular army. We find him not a man of military mien, nor would we raise his ire by calling him pacific, but, at any rate, we proclaim the fact that he is deeply interested in his work, and is a valued acquisition to the force.

Treasurer John H. Thieler has announced the following changes in his office personnel, as of November 1, 1927:

Thomas K. McCarthy, who entered the department in 1908, is promoted to the higher deputyship left vacant by the retirement of John J. Greif.

Louis Claveloux has been certified to the position heretofore filled by Mr. McCarthy.

Leo Richardson has been appointed deputy to fill the vacancy brought about by the above changes—under the temporary clause governing such appointments, pending result of Civil Service examination.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

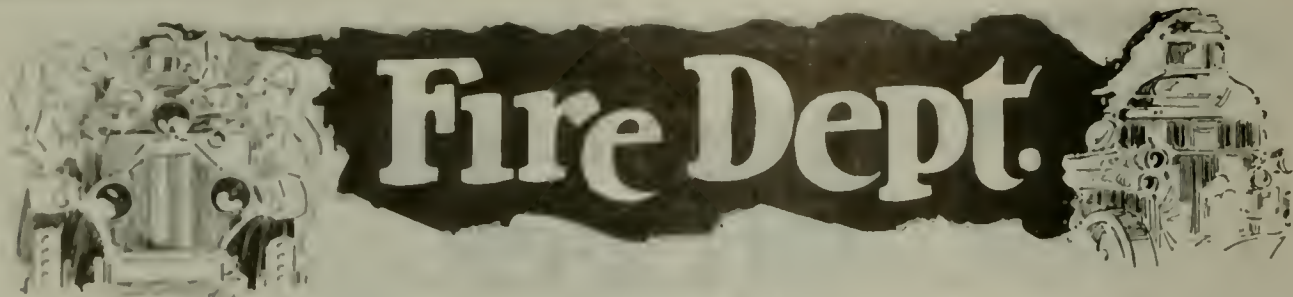
By J. Everett Sharp

AS JUDGE HURLBUT and the Auditor have carried on an unbroken friendship through more than forty years, it quite naturally obtains that, in passing through, the latter will stop frequently at Judge's desk for an informal chat.

He was there recently when Tax Redemption Deputy Crocker was out and a lady with a wholesome coat of tan came in to pay delinquent taxes. One of Judge's fads is that of determining the locality whence an individual has come, at times even fixing the place of birth, and, as this visitor approached, he remarked to the Auditor "That woman is from Egypt."

Boyle was curious and, as she gave her name he remarked: "I guess you find the taxes here are not

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By LIEUT. FRED JONES

MORRIS of Engine 28 is sporting the latest in turnout coats.

Speaking of sheiks, the boys at Hollywood had nothing on our fire laddies at the ball.

Operator Drewes of district 3 is the latest member of the department to take up golf. If your knickers count for anything, Frank, you sure look the part of a champion.

Collins of Engine 34 has finally mastered the tennis racquet. Keep up the good work, John, as Bill Johnson has retired.

Morrison of Engine 2 was a bit disappointed with his dress suit at the ball. Seems the tailor delivered Bull Regan's suit to him.

Lieutenant Linstead is back at the old homestead at Engine 3. The boys admit that he brought his old appetite with him.

Phillips of Engine 4 challenges any member of the department to a black bottom contest.

Lieutenant Carr of Engine 5 is anxiously waiting for the Bank of Italy to slice that melon.

Lieutenant Farley of Engine 6 is back on the job after spending a pleasant vacation in the south.

McLaughlin of Engine 7 had the time of his life at the ball. Bill is right at home when it comes to handling the ladies.

Lieutenant Kruger of Engine 8 is back on the job after a short siege of sickness.

Finnerty of Engine 9 is a great booster of Babe Ruth. You sure have plenty of company, Tom.

Reuter of Engine 10 has joined the ranks of benedicts. Good luck to you, Jim, and may your troubles be small.

Cassidy of Engine 11 claims the air in butchertown is good for the appetite.

The boys of Engine 12 and Truck 13 challenge the department to a game of baseball.

Cagnacci of Engine 14 won the chess championship of the company when he defeated Captain Kenealey three out of five games.

Carter of Engine 15 claims to know a spot where the ducks fly to you. Let us all in on it, Buel.

McNulty of Engine 16 is back on the job after spending a pleasant vacation in the south. It is rumored he spent plenty of time looking over the ponies at Ti Juana.

According to the boys at Engine 17, Boles has an attractive fence around his home.

Captain Moholy of Engine 18 also spent his vacation touring the south. No doubt you crossed the border also, Phil.

Ryst of Engine 20 is back on the job after a short siege of sickness.

Noonan of Engine 21 is a great booster of the electric belts. Let us in on the secret, Dan.

Hannan of Engine 22 has a garden that blooms the year round. Guess it is the sunset climate, Jack.

Fields and Frohman of Engine 23 are back on the job after a tough month or two of selling tickets.

Buckley of Engine 24 is still on the sick list. Henry is still in the San Francisco Hospital and no doubt would appreciate a call.

According to the boys of Engine 25, the fishing over there is terrible.

Engine 27 boasts of a champion in the line of handball. The boys of the company are willing to back him against the department.

Believe it or not, but Cunferman of Engine 29 won an argument from Barron of the same company. Guess Dewey must have had lockjaw.

Demo of Engine 31 and McDonald of Fire Boat 2 have become regular radio artists. Their programs were enjoyed immensely by all.

Grubb of Engine 32 claims he can hit any duck in the reservoir with a rock. Let us in on the size of the rock, Dick.

Kyne of Engine 33 has a Ford that he claims runs on air. No doubt you mean the rubber, Charlie.

Scott of Engine 35 is quite a football bug. Frank can be seen at most any game rooting his head off for the losers.

Engineer Temple of Engine 36 is strong for Pumping Station 2. No doubt it is the fishing that attracts him.

Lieutenant Kolby of Engine 37 has purchased one of Hackett's fishing reels. Does Ed guarantee it to bring the fish in, Henry?

Operator Macken of district 9 sure put it on heavy at the ball. Jim had to throw rocks at the girls to keep them away.

The members of Engine 27 have certainly appreciated Carter transferring into their company from Truck 7. Seems that he has solved the mystery of where Darini buries his dead.

Willis, the little giant of Engine 40, is the proud owner of two Fords. No doubt one is for relief, Harry.

Captain O'Connell of Engine 41 is a regular visitor of Stow Lake. Is it possible that you are studying ducks, Jim?

Olsen of Engine 42 and Bauer of Engine 7, better known as the Gold Dust Twins, were seen at Lands End viewing the wreck of the Coos Bay. Guess Captain Whitelaw will have some competition now.

Anderson of Engine 43 claims that the weather of the Mission does not compare with that of the Sunset. You should know, Harry.

Waterman of Engine 44 is still on the sick list. We sincerely wish you a speedy recovery, Truman.

Captain Bowlen of Engine 45 is all swelled up over the way they are fixing the esplanade at the beach.

Masterson of Engine 46 challenges the department in the line of old time butterfly waltzes. Why the

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Police Dept.



By JACK GIBSON

CAPTAIN CHARLES GOFF, one of the most popular police officers ever to wear the uniform, is the new head of the Traffic Bureau of the police department. He was chosen by the Police Commission on November 8 and took up his new duties the next day, turning over affairs of the Southern Station to Captain Stephen Bunner.



CAPTAIN CHARLES GOFF
—Police Dept. Photo

The death of Captain Henry Gleeson on October 30, in charge of the Traffic Bureau for more than seven years, marked the passing of a picturesque character of the force. In point of service, he was the senior captain and one of the oldest of any of the men in uniform.

During his thirty-nine years on the force he had served in every station in the city except the Bayview and Western addition. He joined the force on September 8, 1888,

and died at the age of 65.

During the days after the fire of 1906 he distinguished himself by valiant service. He was one of the first ranking officers to report on the job and took hold of much difficult work which won him great praise.

He was also highly regarded for his clerical ability and attention to details. Earlier in his career he had served in the license bureau and in the property clerk's department. For years he was in charge of the central district when that district was the center of the city's night life.

When the war broke out Captain Gleeson was given a leave of absence and went into the intelligence service of the navy. He did splendid work as an investigator of shipping plants.

After the war he took seriously his task of regulating motor traffic and of attempting to cut down growing fatalities. He devoted much time to a study of traffic control plans and was heart and soul in the campaign to educate motorists and pedestrians to know and obey the laws.

Captain Gleeson was highly esteemed by his superiors, and on the Monday following his death the Board of Police Commissioners adjourned out of respect to his memory. President Theodore Roche of

the commission delivered an eulogy of the dead captain, paying tribute to his splendid service, his ability and his loyalty.

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Captain Matheson and other members of the Detective Bureau are going to ask the Police Commission to request the supervisors to put an initiative amendment to the charter on the ballot putting the rank of detective sergeant under civil service. This move is being made in order that men who spend years of long hours in the service may not be thrown out when their political views may run counter to the views of the powers in control.

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The death of Captain Gleeson has caused a considerable shifting of district heads. Captain Bunner was brought in from Ingleside to fill the vacancy at the Southern Station caused by the removal into the Traffic Bureau of Captain Goff. Captain Peter McGee was moved from the City Prison to Ingleside and Captain Henry Lachman of Headquarters Company was moved up to the prison. Captain Michael Reardon, newly appointed from the lieutenant's list, was put in charge of Headquarters Company.

Sergeant George Healy was promoted to a lieutenantcy and is now stationed in the Western Addition.

Captain Jack Casey was shifted from the Bush Street station to North End and Captain H. J. Wright from North End to Richmond. Captain Healy of the Richmond was given the Bush Street station.

Lieutenant Emmett Moore was transferred from the Western Addition to the night watch in the Potrero. Lieutenant Charles Pfeffer of the Park was sent to Richmond, changing places with Lieutenant Fred O'Neill.

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It's Detective Sergeants Charles Iredale and Harry McCrea now. The two detectives were promoted to the higher rank by Chief O'Brien and Captain Matheson November 22. On the same day Chief O'Brien announced the promotion to sergeants of John J. Donegan, Central station; Alfred Strei, Bush Street station; Clarence Byrne, Harbor station, and William Danahy, Park station.

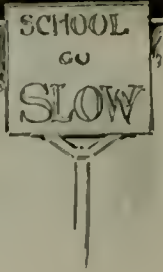
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Officer Joseph Flemming of the Western Addition was seriously shot while trying to subdue a drunken negro. Brother officers captured the negro after a hard fight. Flemming is reported as having a good chance for recovery.

Ladies of the League of St. Cecelia Sacred Heart, through Father Tobin and a special committee, won the thanks of twenty-five blind men and women at Laguna Honda home one Sunday early in November when they gave a special luncheon at the home in honor of the blind patients.



Schools



BOARD of Education—The retirement of Mrs. M. R. Norris, secretary of the Board of Education, came as a great surprise to the department at large and to her immediate associates. Mrs. Norris entered the office of the Board of Education in June, 1912, and, after six months service, was appointed acting secretary, on the resignation of Secretary Melvin T. Dodge. In another six months her ability in this capacity was recognized by her appointment as secretary. Although she had had no experience nor training, she threw herself with wholehearted enthusiasm and zeal into her new duties, and how well and capably she filled this exacting position is well known. Mrs. Norris endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact and her charm and graciousness won her many friends throughout the department. In the office she will be greatly missed and many sincere wishes for her future happiness will follow her from the hearts of those to whom her kindness and consideration will always be pleasant memories.

With deepest sorrow the many acquaintances and friends of our own "Belle" MacCuaig heard the news of her death on Armistice Day. Miss McCuaig was born, reared and educated in San Francisco and had gained a valuable experience by identification with and employment in the United States Bureau of Pensions at Washington, D. C. Later in San Francisco she held a position of confidence and trust with an important industrial organization with whom she remained for about fourteen years. For the last three years she was with the Board of Education until her final illness, beginning September 10. Funeral services were held November 14 amid profuse floral remembrances commingled with her beloved Scotch heather, attesting the admiration and love of friends.

Redding School—Members of the faculty are encouraging music and drama among both boys and girls and have assisted in formation of a quartet of boys from the 8B grade. The quartet made its first appearance recently before the State Teachers' Assembly and won high praise. The girls have done their part also in the presentation on Armistice Day of the playlet "The Sword of Honor" at the children's party given by Aunt Dolly at the Orpheum.

George Peabody School—Miss Anna Dwyer, principal, has recently returned from a trip to Europe. During her two months' absence Miss Meta Wolff was acting principal. Enrollment at the school has been increased by 200 pupils requiring addition to the faculty of one more departmental teacher. An "Opportunity Class" presided over by Miss Wolff also has been added.—Ethel Dorn Whitlock, correspondent.

Pacific Heights School—The Parent Teachers' Association added many dollars to the treasury during the month with a paper drive and presentation of a moving picture "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The money will be spent in the nurse's room and the library. All parents were invited to the regular meeting Wednesday, November 9, which fell on "Know Your School

Day." The 2A orchestra and the autumn dances of the 1B grade amazed and delighted the parents. The play "Our Foreign Neighbors Yesterday and Today" gave an idea of how interesting history and geography study can be made. The play was written and acted by members of the 6B grade. The 7A class dramatized a reading lesson.—Mary M. Cooney, correspondent.

Hunter's Point School—The perfect Indian summer weather of October gave teachers and pupils a glorious opportunity for outdoor meetings. On October 11 the crowning event in the adventurous life of Columbus was celebrated. On Navy Day, with the battleship display so splendidly arranged in Man-of-War row in full view of the spectators, a patriotic program was given under the direction of Miss Wright. Then came Hallowe'en with its ghosts, goblins and playful Brownies. The children made a colorful picture, dressed as they were in gay costumes featuring appropriate symbols of Hallowe'en.—Della Neagle, correspondent.

Part Time High School—James Albert Winchester, for the past two years a member of the faculty, died at his home October 6. He occupied the post of attendance registrar. Mr. Winchester had been active in educational work in Northern California for three years, coming here from Vallejo. Mrs. Winchester and her two sons have returned to their former home in Denver. Faculty and students mourn with Mrs. Winchester the loss of one whom they held in highest esteem. Mrs. Helen T. York, registrar, claims the distinction of being the youngest grandmother in the local school system. The granddaughter, Barbara Jean Dolbier, arrived November 10. Well-meaning citizens nearly voted away the property of the school as a gift to the federal government at the last election. Friends of the school hope the Board of Education will find a way to finance a building and obtain the property as a permanent location.—C. J. Pfaffenberger, correspondent.

Balboa School—The Parent Teachers' Association gave a delightful party at the George Washington Temple on October 7. A cake sale was held by the mothers on October 5 when huge slices of home-made cake were sold for five cents a slice. The Balboa Parent Teachers' Association not only accomplishes a great deal, but affords a good time to everyone.—Anna H. Bridges, correspondent.

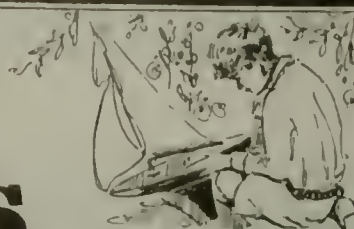
Douglas School—The school has been undergoing general repairs and has received a new coat of paint. The best treat, however, is the yard, which has been made larger. Property next to the school was purchased and the portable buildings moved back. The Kindergarten children celebrated Hallowe'en with a party while the pupils of the low third grade did likewise.—Bernice Rapp, correspondent.

Marshall School—The school believes in fostering and encouraging inventive genius in all school arts, either manual or literary. It is particularly proud of the work of ten-year-old Paul Wenske, sixth grade

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Play-grounds



By VEDA B. YOUNG
Secretary Playground Commission

PERHAPS people do not realize that one of the most important divisions of the Playground Department's organization is its Education Dramatics Department. This department embraces pageantry, dramatics and folk dancing.

No doubt you remember as a child how hungry you were for good stories. Stories full of action, life and interest charmed you. You craved the stories telling of the enchantments and wonders of grown-up land. Now-a-days the child not only has an opportunity to read these stories, but actually to play them on the stage. He or she may become one of "The Three Bears," "Tom Thumb," "Puss in Boots" or may help act out "The Story of Little Red Riding Hood," "Cinderella and the Glass Slipper," "The Quest of the Golden Fleece," "The Sleeping Beauty," "The Magic Carpet," "Crusoe's Life in His Island Home," "A Tale of Christmas Eve," "Alice in Wonderland," "Achilles and the Queen of the Amazons," "The Story of King Midas," "Rip Van Winkle," "The Bold Hero of the Mountains" or "Robin Hood and His Merry Men."



MISS HESTER PROCTOR

—Photo by Bushnell

These and an innumerable host of others never fail to delight all the children. The essential thing is that the scenes are depicted so the child actually lives the story and is led into the larger world of grown-ups—to him "The land of the merry heart." Through careful guidance the child is given an opportunity at self-expression which is not in the least professional.

We are anxious that the children have plays presented which leave them with a glow of happiness. The right kind of play at the right time will quicken the imagination and open the emotional nature, and give hero-loving boy or girl higher standards of feeling and action.

Then, too, pantomime plays a role in this dramatic work, and the child learns the significance of his every action on the stage.

Pageantry and dancing depicting the folk lore, joyous merriment, and traditions of the whole world pass

in review as the child has an opportunity to learn these. Music plays an extremely important role in our pageantry and festivals. For we all know that of all the fine arts, music is perhaps the most wonderful, the most uplifting, the most nearly complete. Music explores the depths and heights of human expression and passion, and takes the soul through the entire range of human emotions. So, no wonder we are endeavoring to give the children good music because it is the gifted child of the imagination.

I FEEL certain that you realize the value of this Educational Dramatics Department. Therefore it was necessary for the Playground Commission to make a wise selection in employing a young lady to take charge of this work. The trust has been imposed for over a year now in Miss Hester Proctor, who has taken the foundation which was laid for her and is building, with the co-operation of the playground directors and children, a beautiful structure through her ability to handle these three features of her work.

Miss Hester Proctor is an interesting personality. She was born in Paris, and is the daughter of A. Phimister Proctor, a noted sculptor and painter. She was educated at the New York State University and at Stanford University. Before having graduated from the latter institution of learning she staged several plays with the Girl Reserves in the Little Theater there. She was for several years the Girl Scout Executive in one of the leading cities of southern California. She was also a playground director, having charge of the girls' activities and evening club work at Glen Park Playground. She very successfully staged, with the assistance of the entire department, the huge Spring Festival of Music and Dancing which was given this year in the athletic field of the High School of Commerce on May 7.

After holding several plays on the San Francisco playgrounds during the summer and fall, she has now turned her efforts to the production of a magnificent pageant on December 16. "The Evergreen Tree" by Percy Mackay will be presented on that evening in the Civic Auditorium at 8 o'clock. The music was written by Arthur Farwell. At least five hundred children representing all of the San Francisco playgrounds will participate and take such parts as fairies, gnomes, elves, wise men, bears, trees and wolves. Biblical characters will also be depicted. Santa Claus will surely be there in person. Several of the High School Glee Clubs will be present to sing the Christmas carols and choral numbers.

This event is open to the public, free of charge, and we urge that you come and bring your friends.

Our Problems of Transportation

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fronts, renders the problem of construction and operation very easy from the climatic standpoint. Add to this the fact that the same type of cars can be used throughout the year without the need of heating (or cooling), and the fact that traffic shows relatively small variations from month to month and season to season, and you can see some of the reasons why local transportation in San Francisco ought to be cheap.

When it comes to matters of public policy and legal rights, San Francisco at the present time also has great advantages. The curse of American municipal government has been the lack of well-defined and well-considered civic policies. Too often the people and their governmental agents have adopted, or at least have pursued the policy of opportunism, the policy of having no policy, the policy of postponing decisions, the policy of "letting George do it."

SAN FRANCISCO stands almost, if not quite, unique among the great cities of America in having committed itself unequivocally and broadly to the general policy of public ownership of public utilities. Many arguments can be advanced for and against this policy, and the discussion could be carried on till the end of time without reaching unanimity. Meanwhile, somebody has to do the job. It is not a proper subject for endless debate, but one for the adoption of a policy and then action to carry it out.

From my own experience, observation and analysis, I am convinced that San Francisco has adopted the right policy. But at any rate it has a policy, and that of itself makes the problem easier. Under the constitution and laws of the state and under the provisions of the city charter, the people of San Francisco have ample authority to carry out their policy. Not only that, but in the field of local transportation, San Francisco already has the priceless advantage of fifteen years of successful experience in building and maintaining the Municipal Railway, and rendering public service. It already knows how.

Another thing, out of its experience with municipal ownership, it has developed the sound conviction that public utilities need to be constructed, maintained and operated by a special agency adapted to that particular function; and although the utility commission has not yet been actually established, the charter amendment providing for it has been drafted, approved by the Board of Supervisors and ordered on the ballot for next November, immediately preceding the session of the Legislature, when charter amendments may be approved. I have examined Article XII-a, the proposed utility commission amendment. In my opinion, it will be a landmark for the whole country in the development of proper agencies and correct policies for municipal operation of public utilities.

THE one complicating factor in the local transportation problem is the piecemeal expiration of the franchises of the Market Street Railway Company, but the confusion created thereby in the public mind is out of all proportion to its importance. Just now it would seem nicer if the city fathers in the early days

had developed a consistent policy by which all these franchises would expire at one time, but even that might have worked to the city's disadvantage in the past, because it would have closed the door to the development of the Municipal Railway as a profitable competitive line through which the city could gain experience before tackling the whole big problem.

Seattle and Toronto, and to a certain extent Detroit, had to get started by building outlying lines that could not be operated at a profit; and it is a fact that no great city in America has thus far been able to achieve municipal ownership of street railways except through the opening wedge of municipal competition.

As a system capable of profitable operation, the Market Street Railway is mortally wounded September 20, 1929, when the Market Street and allied franchises expire, and stone dead November 28, of that year, when the Mission Street group of franchises goes out. While the average life of all the company's unexpired franchises is nearly seven years from the present date, figured on a mileage basis, the outlying and fag-end franchises that live past 1929 have no economic value. They hardly have a nuisance value in the face of a firm, constructive program on the part of the city.

THE defeat of the Municipal Railway Extension bonds at the recent election does not embarrass the city in the least in its relation to the Market Street Railway problem. Rather, it conserves the city's resources, and may prove a blessing in disguise, provided the city goes forward promptly in its plans for the unification of the service under municipal control.

The consolidation of the competing street railways of San Francisco offers a wonderful opportunity for the rerouting of cars and the elimination of duplicating and relatively useless lines, in order that the maximum of service and public convenience may be obtained at the minimum cost. This, in my judgment, should be made the subject of an intensive survey at once, not as a preliminary to the determination of whether or not the city shall unify the service, but as a necessary step in the plan for unification on the most economical and efficient basis.

The danger that confronts San Francisco at the present time arises largely from the strength of its position and the choice of methods that are open to it. Of course, any method of affirmative action must overcome certain difficulties. The danger is that, through confusion of thought and division of counsels, the city will stand helpless, paralyzed for action, by its vacillation in seeking the easiest way.

Great is the five-cent fare; great is the municipal standard of wages and working conditions; great is the idea of relieving the taxpayer of any share in the cost of transportation; but the city charter and the proposed utility commission amendment wisely recognize that greater than any or all of these things is the policy of intelligent municipal self-help in the development of a unified transportation system adapted to the needs of a great and growing city, free from the domination of private interests, a concrete and comprehensive project in civic co-operation, with service substituted for profits as its controlling motive.

Questions on Standardization

By WILFORD E. TALBERT
Chairman, Salary Standardization Board

THE following questions are typical of those most frequently asked by employees. The board will be glad to answer any other questions addressed by mail in care of the Civil Service Commission or by phone at Park 8500, Local 163.

Question. When will the work be finished?

Answer. Our part will be finished as soon as we are sure that we have a complete and accurate description of every one of some 6000 jobs and then have time to classify and grade those jobs and prepare definitions for all of the various classes and grades. We still have the whole Health Department and a few smaller departments to cover. It takes time to see every employee and study his job.

Q. What do you mean by a class?

A. A class is a group of positions, all of which involve substantially the same duties. All persons belonging to a class should take the same examination and, subject to seniority provisions, should receive the same treatment as to pay.

Q. How is a grade different from a class?

A. A grade is a level or zone for salary purposes. Two or more classes even in entirely different services may both be in the same grade if both deserve the same salary treatment.

Q. How does this year's work differ from last year's?

A. Thus far this year we have personally studied positions but have done no grading; we have been merely putting positions into classes. Last year we graded classes as we found them.

Q. How will this re-classification affect incumbents?

A. The Charter provides that "such classification and grading shall not operate to adversely affect the civil service classification or duties of any person holding a position at the time of the adoption of this amendment."

We understand this to mean that any employee who is legally holding his job under regular civil service appointment will be entitled to continue in that job even though the classification of the job is changed.

Q. Will promotions from grade to grade be by seniority or by examination?

A. That is a matter which the Civil Service Commission alone has power to determine, but the classification as it is tentatively prepared assumes that promotion will be by examination open, where practicable, to incumbents of the next lower grades or classes.

Q. How do you decide what class a job belongs in?

A. We bring together in one place descriptions of all jobs that seem alike as to duties, responsibility, etc. Then a definition is worked out in terms of duties. Any job in the class which does not fit the definition is placed elsewhere. Obviously, definitions for different classes must not overlap.

After these definitions have been prepared it is only necessary to compare a given job with the definitions to see which one it fits best.

Q. How do you classify the employee who is incompetent?

A. We do not classify the employee; we classify the job in accordance with the duties performed. The classification cannot be made a cure for lack of discipline in the departments.

Q. What allowance do you make for seniority?

A. Since it is jobs rather than incumbents who are being classified, it is obvious that seniority cannot be considered in the classification itself. However, it will undoubtedly be considered in fixing the salaries for the various classes or grades.

Q. Will employees have a chance to be heard before the classification is finally adopted?

A. Yes, just as soon as the tentative classification is finished employees will have a chance to study it and to point out such errors as they may think have been made. However, none of the classifications can be given out before all departments are covered, for the reason that positions in departments not yet covered may make a re-grouping or new definitions advisable.

Most of the employees in departments already covered have been interviewed "on the job" by representatives of the board. If any such employee was not interviewed the board will be glad to send a representative on request.

AUDITORIUM DATES

Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.—National Association of Refrigerating Engineers.

Dec. 8.—Messiah.

Dec. 9, 10 and 11.—Florentine Choir.

Dec. 15.—St. Emydius Church.

Dec. 16.—Playground Commission (Christmas Pageant).

Dec. 17.—Barbers' Union (ball).

Dec. 18.—First Church of Christ Scientist (lecture).

Dec. 19.—School Department.

Dec. 24.—Christmas Eve celebration (S. F. Recreation League).

Dec. 27.—Islam Temple Ceremonial.

Dec. 31.—Colored Veterans' Club.



"I Hereby Devise and Bequeath---"

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world. Nowadays we translate the personal belongings of the dead into a monument with his name graven into stone, or make provision for some charity or project that shall keep his memory from perishing, and the law provides that his direct dependents be cared for out of his accumulation.

Races Work Out Own Plan

To the savage his possessions were part of himself. They were seldom of sufficient importance for his fellows to be concerned with. When men began collecting property in larger quantities, they became desirous of keeping it under their permanent direction. Each race worked out its own plan.

Under the ancient patriarchal system, with a chief at the head of the family or clan, it was a simple system to transfer the "trusteeship" to an able eldest son, or even a younger son, if he seemed better fitted to handle the affairs of the community. There was no question of alienating the accumulated property from the group. The flocks and herds and so on belonged to the whole family. The head of it only held possession during his lifetime.

The Old Testament of Abraham, who by a rather unfilial trick was led to give his "blessing," that is the right of succession, to his clever younger son, Jacob, instead of to his more simple—and probably less able—older son, Esau, illustrates this method. It also is interesting to note that once the blessing was bestowed it could not be revoked, even though the sorry trick of the deceit of an age-blinded father by his wife and son was discovered to the dying patriarch.

The idea of a devise that did not take place at once, but only after the death of the testator, was of much later origin. Even as late as historic times in Rome a person made a disposition of his property to a successor, in contemplation of death. Elaborate ceremonies and five witnesses commemorated the event, and in case the sick man got well the property stayed transferred. He could only remain in possession by tolerance of the person to whom he had given it!

Solon Originates Will

The right to will property by a writing which should take effect after the death of the testator, seems to have been first put into a legal code by Solon, the famous Athenian jurist, in 590 B. C. Before that time, the children of the deceased succeeded as a matter of course. By the code of Solon, the right to make a will was limited to "those who have no children of their own, a sound mind unfailed by reason of sickness, drink, charms, violent or extraordinary means, or the enticements or persuasions of women."

Solon also forbade the disinheriting of a direct male descendant.

In Rome, wills were unknown until the Twelve Tables, in 450 B. C. allowed the head of a family to choose a new household head, but not generally to dispose of the property.

Justinian, under the firm and feminine eye of the august empress Theodora, wrote into his code the right of the female to inherit as well as the male.

In Feudal Europe the importance of keeping the land titles responsible to the crown for military service

brought about entailed estates, which could not be alienated even during the lifetime of the possessor.

Personal property has always been less strictly limited, and in almost all warlike nations some provision has been made whereby a sailor or a soldier, in danger of death and away from home, might make disposition of his property. The nuncupative will, spoken to a friend by a dying person too weak to write or to sign his name, is still recognized under certain conditions.

The disposition of property not under entail, in early England, seems to have provided for a three-way division between the wife, the children, and heirs chosen by the deceased. Of the elaborate development of the courtesy and dower system, under the Common law, and of the theory of community property under the Civil law, outgrowth of the Justinian Code and Ecclesiastical law based upon the old Roman statutes, we will deal in another article.

System Grows Complicated

Briefly, the theory of the disposition of property after death, through the will of the deceased, operating when he is no longer present in person to see to it, grows more and more complicated as the machinery of property ownership under modern civilization grows more elaborate.

The tendency of all laws relating to the disposition of property by will is: first, to provide for the immediate dependents of the deceased as nearly as possible as he would have continued to provide for them if he had lived; second, to allow for the settlement of debts incurred by the deceased owner; and, third, in so far as possible to allow the person to whom the property belonged to designate its disposition.

From the time of Solon until today care has been exercised against fraud or the falsification of wills by interested people, because the maker of the document is so obviously silent before it can be carried into effect. The natural feebleness of the old, the weakness of the sick, the cupidity of selfish persons bent on wrongful possession of property, the hallucinations of persons of unstable mind, must all be provided for in the very complicated laws that men have made to protect their property after death.

The growth of civilization from the time when a man's flint-headed arrows and his stone hatchet and ornaments went into the grave with him, until now, when courts, attorneys, trust companies, inheritance tax laws, and public administrators are needed to keep the records in order, is a long and devious story, but a fascinating one to the student who is concerned with the human side of human institutions.

(The second article of this series will appear in an early number and will deal with famous wills of history.)

CUPID LANDS FIREMAN

James Reuter, driver of Engine 10, and Miss Sadie Kosterling were married November 12 and immediately left for a honeymoon trip to Yosemite. The newlyweds will reside at 103 Collingwood Street on their return.

Of Interest to Women

By ANITA DAY HUBBARD

IT'S ONE thing right after another. Here the election is just over, with the low rumblings gradually growing less and less, and the Big Game a thing of the past, the Thanksgiving turkey martyred in the cause of the great American appetite, and as the movie titles say, "Came Christmas."

It is a queer fact that one of the hardest things in

the world to do is to buy a present for a really dear one. For the casual friend, whose tastes one isn't supposed to know, the task seems easy. For the best beloved, whose very most intimate desires should be a matter of exact information, we are hard pressed to choose. Is it because we really do not take the trouble to understand our loved ones?

How is a man to be married for twenty years, without knowing his wife's favorite per-

—Photo by Fisher

fume, or the color

she prefers in negligees? The American husband is a good soul, but how much does he inquire into the romantic reaches of his wife's spirit?

And why do the funny pages continue to jest, and with reason, at the neckties and cigars that a man's wife buys at holiday time? Is it because we are always trying to mold our families into our own notions instead of allowing them to be themselves?

But that's quite enough of philosophizing. The answer is probably that the man who would like to buy his wife a Rolls-Royce sedan has to make shift with something quite different, and the wife whose ideas of star sapphires for her husband's dress studs, or a vellum bound set of first editions, must reduce her choice to some nice warm socks, or new curtains for the living-room.

It might be a good idea to think of Christmas in its original sense, of a season of peace on earth and good will to men. They might even declare an armistice in the embattled ranks out at the City Hall, for the holiday season. But that's probably too much to ask.

ONCE before I wrote about the Beggars' Opera. Just a line to remind you that it will be here on December 12 for a two weeks' engagement at the Columbia Theater. If you miss it you do it at your own risk. Remember, I warned you in plenty of time.

The "Chauve-Souris," a sort of glorified Russian vaudeville, with the genial Balieff as the impresario, whose English, the cognoscenti that know their New York claim, grows worse each year, will be here on

December 26. Naturally, there will be a little touch of antiquity about some of the acts, for they have been on Broadway for years. It is to be hoped that Balieff will spring at least one or two original stunts here. If not, it probably doesn't matter. Those who have seen the New York production claim great things for it.

THE art galleries and the shop windows are vying with each other for interest of the color-minded. There are worth-while shows at the Beaux Arts gallery, the East and West, and the California School of Fine Arts, as usual.

It would be a pleasant Merry Christmas, incidentally, for some of our local artists, if some of their work were purchased for Christmas presents. It's a nasty trick that San Francisco has, making her artistic children go elsewhere for recognition, and only receiving them with open arms when New York or London has set the "sterling" to their work.

It's perfectly right to maintain our reputation of discrimination, but isn't the height of discrimination being able to discern excellence without having it pointed out by someone else? We've let other people have the courage of our convictions in the artistic world. I don't mean that we should make mediocrity the reason for a terrible bally-hoo, or for tourist bait, but we might at least be complacently commending to our really talented children, and give them the practical encouragement that they sorely need.

THIS page is beginning to sound like a sermon. I don't mean to scold,—ever,—especially at Christmas time, but just in the family, we can say things that we'd take a stranger apart for even suggesting.

The Messiah, that inspiring yearly event that brings everyone in the dear old town together under the Auditorium roof, with Maestro Hertz and Dr. Leschke and the Symphony Orchestra and the Municipal Chorus, and the very spirit of Handel on December 8, of course, doesn't have to be called to your attention. But, if there is a stranger within your gates from any slightly "high hat" city, lure him into going to hear it. We take it for granted as part of the city's musical diet. In reality, it's one of the greatest national or even international events in music.

SAN FRANCISCO is gradually losing that Bohemian mood about dressing for the evening. Where the woman in evening dress was a rarity a year or so ago, now the sequins and the Spanish shawls bloom in high profusion at every event that remotely allows it. The men, too, more timidly, are venturing into the "soup and fish" on more and more occasions.

The younger set, knowing the devastating effect of floating draperies and soft colors on the masculine temperament, is probably the motive force. The boy with a dinner-jacket is a more desirable escort to the flapper than one without. Q.E.D. The elders follow suit. Or, perhaps, it is just the other way about.

However, it's a pleasant custom, and may do much to mend the public manners of some of our young folks. No woman can be awkward in a wide skirt of

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Municipal Railway



By EDWARD D. VANDELEUR

THE Municipal Railway Employees will hold a social on December 12, at the Geary Street car house in celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Municipal Railways. It was in December, 1912, that operation of the Geary street line, first unit of the municipal system, was begun with Mayor James Rolph, Jr., at the controller. A large attendance is expected at the social.



The annual ball of the Carmen's Union was a great success and the railway employees wish to thank the employees of other city departments and the Employees' magazine for their co-operation.

Over in the Potrero car house the boys are greatly enjoying their radio, but are looking forward to getting one more powerful.

Phil Sapiro's municipal band has a real competitor for municipal honors in the Municipal Railway Carmen's Band which has been brightening up and is now an organization equal to any in the city.

The boys are polishing up their uniform buttons preparatory to the opening of the new Judah street line for which the first spade was turned early in November. Work on the line was delayed by the filing of a suit in the Superior Court which sought to prevent the city from appropriating funds for the improvement. When Judge Murařky handed down his decision in favor of the city, work was immediately begun. As we go to press it is reported that the case may be appealed. Should this be true it is likely that work will again have to be stopped until determination of the appeal in the higher court.

When the Judah street line is eventually opened it will certainly make receipts of the Municipal system jump. The carmen appreciate the co-operation of the people of the Sunset district in putting through this extension.

Following is a list of the carmen on the sick list as we go to press:

Conductors: J. J. Sullivan, Henry Rowe, Dave Sullivan, S. W. Chadbourne, J. Carter, A. C. Campbell, W. J. O'Connell, L. C. Farley, J. B. Lawless, Joe Chrenik, Dave Greig, J. W. Galligan, P. Gill, W. Dethridge, R. L. Wright, W. Best and C. M. Tregaskio.

Motormen: J. Dougherty, F. J. Wheeler, J. McGhan, Dan Boland, J. A. Montgomery, P. J. Slattery, W. G. Newhouse, Tim Kelley, T. S. Williams and J. Carroll.

Sid Fills New Job

SID HESTER, for many years assistant secretary of the Board of Public Works, has been demonstrating for the past few months his capacity to fill the secretaryship made vacant by the election of Dick Fitzgerald as Sheriff. Long years of acquaintanceship with the duties of the office are making the demonstration easy.

Sid was made acting secretary during August, when Dick obtained a leave of absence to assist in managing the campaign for reelection of Mayor Rolph. Then along in October Dick decided to get into the sheriff's fight and in he got with both feet. His election on November 8 leaves vacant the post of secretary and Chief Deputy Commissioner.

In the meantime Sid has been fulfilling the manifold duties of the office with his usual efficiency and ease. The appointment of Dick's successor has not yet been announced, but Sid's friends, and he has many of them, are hoping that he will receive the appointment before Dick steps into the sheriff's office on January 3. The appointment would be welcomed as an admirable Christmas present by all the boys in the office.



Supervisor Charles F. Todd has again been named president of the Municipal Traffic League of California which held its annual convention in Los Angeles the third week in November. Next year's convention will be held in San Francisco.

Four tunnels under Market Street from Montgomery to Powell Streets for the use of pedestrians are planned by the city following the introduction at a recent meeting of the supervisors of a resolution drawn by Supervisor William H. Harrelson.

Nearing Half a Century of Service

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former newspaper reporter; Charlie McCarthy, late governor of Hawaii; Jack Moriarty, ex-police officer; Tommy Martin of the recorder's office; Brick Keenan, afterwards professional sprinter; Louis Whippler and Hen McKenna of the Board of Public Works. Leary was unbeatable, preserving a record of less than 10½ seconds for the 100 yards, without spikes.

He was a member of Company B, Second Regiment National Guard, at the time the Military Baseball League was formed by Alfred Fritz of the Gatling Battery. Fritz at that time was a recognized Democratic boss. There were six clubs from the different companies. Jack Fitzhenry, now Lieutenant of the police, was manager of the Gatling Battery. Mike Finn, who did more than any other to develop baseball before or since, was manager of Company B. Jimmy Finn, secretary of the Police Commission, was manager of the National Guard and Jim O'Connor, of the United States Reserve Bank, United States Treasury, was captain of the Franklin Guard.

Loses His Job

At this time Dan was working for Brodie and Vallean, the latter priding himself on being something of a sprinter. Without apprising Dan of the identity of his opponent, Mike Finn told Dan he had bet \$100 on him to beat a boaster. Dan was paralyzed at the meet to discover that Vallean was his opponent, but he did his best, and Vallean went to defeat. But really Dan lost, because Vallean was so chagrined that he fired Dan from his job.

Assessor Jim Nealon was one of the greatest athletes of his day, and when Dan was employed in his department Nealon challenged him to determine who was the best at hop-skip-and-jump, in which Dan had always been acclaimed the top-notch. Dan accepted, but perhaps because of his experience with Vallean, Nealon won the contest and Dan kept his job.

Dan had many opportunities for developing his talent for boxing when the Pacific Athletic Club was organized in 1890, by the late Johnny Dougherty, Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, who was named president. Other officials of the club were: Billy Harrison (Boss Buckley's nephew), treasurer; Eddie Graney, Billy Healy of Healy and Tibbitts, Armand de Courteaux, James E. Britt, Sr., and Tom Dorgan (Tad's father), directors; Harry Zemansky, assistant treasurer, and Dan Leary, secretary. Among those with whom he became intimate were Young Mitchell (Johnny Herget), Joe Choyinski, Jim Corbett, Alex Greggains, Charley Turner, Jack Dempsey the nan-pareil, Bat Masterson (the boxing commissioner), who brought out Billy Woods to box Omaha Jack Davis, Joe McAuliffe who boxed Joe Goddard, Parson Davies, Peter Jackson, Don Creedon and Tommy Tracy from Australia, Jim Burger, champion of England, and Billy Lavigne, Dal Hawkins and Billy Dunningan, Harry Dally and Deacon Jones, Rufe Turner and Bobby Dobbs, the Black Pearl and Joe King (now one of Dan O'Brien's "finest"), Biddy Bishop and Mark Shaunnessy, Hite Peckham and Charley Kimnick, Jim McDonald and Mike Sullivan, referees; Joe Sullivan and Ed Toomey, Billy Murname and Tom Kennedy, Billy Gallagher and Mysterious Billy Smith, Max Fenner, the Terrible Swede who was knocked

out for three days, and Con Reardon, Billy Delaney and Joe Bowers, Harry Woods and Harry Jones, Sam Fitzpatrick and Billy Smith, both of Australia; Charley Rochette and Joe Soto, and, last but not least, Kid Lavigne and our own Spider Kelly, and a bunch of others.

Tad Dorgan and his brother Ike were small shavers at the time, shivering in admiration of Homer Davenport's caricatures of the celebrities.

Leary either matched or had consultations with all of those named above regarding their appearances under club management. Dan afterwards became interested in the Hawthorne Club with Al. Young and Henry Ingwersen, and was instrumental in the development of the club now controlled by Al Young.

Brings Champion to San Francisco

Out of this remarkable group of associates it is inevitable that a few must stand in bolder relief in Dan's hours of retrospection. One of these is George (Kid) Lavigne. When the Kid won the championship of the world in England he sent a cable to Dan telling him he would visit San Francisco. Dan showed the message to his old pal, Johnny Herget, and the latter asked Dan if he would get the Kid to fight Wolcott in a club for which he had a franchise.

Dan consented to the use of his name by wire or letter, and when the Kid arrived the match was arranged with the exception of a referee. Tom O'Rourke represented Wolcott and Dan the Kid. Eddie Graney (now peer of all referees) was then unknown, but was desirous of acting in a world-championship fight.

O'Rourke was satisfied with Graney, but the Kid would not listen to it. However, Dan finally persuaded him and through this Graney became referee of the great Wolcott and Lavigne fight, his first experience.

Another famous character was Jimmy Curtin (Spider Kelly), whose first set-to was with Seattle Cyclone. Being spidery in build, Dan announced him as the great "Spider Kelly"—a name which has stuck to him ever since.

Dan was the first individual to give an order for a set of boxing gloves to the late Sol Levinson who, during his lifetime, gave to Dan the full credit of starting him on his career as the greatest and most popular boxing glove maker in the world.

Dan developed early as a remarkable jig-dancer and became charter member of the Young Men's Catholic Association, composed of youths ranging from 16 to 21 years of age. The association required an oath to abstain from alcoholic drinks while under age. Excellent talent developed from this grouping which gave minstrel and other entertainments for church benefits. Among the talent were John J. McDade, former sheriff, who acted as interlocutor; M. J. Hynes, former public administrator, who was Bones; Chris Fagin, Sambo; Maurice Burns, Tombo; Johnny Donnelly, Dan Leary, Mike Finn, Bones; Mickey Doyle and Billy Biggy, former Chief of Police, jigs and clogs; Donnelly, McDonald and Burns, clog-dancers; Billy Cosgrove, monologist; Curley McCarthy, Chinese impersonator, and Emil Currea, orchestra leader. Fully sixty per cent of the above went east, joined the profession and made good.

The San Francisco Hospital

By MRS. MAE H. NOONAN

IT IS with regret that we report the resignation of Superintendent Dr. E. B. Frick, who is leaving on account of health. His presence will be greatly missed at the hospital where he has so successfully handled the affairs of the institution for the last seven years. His pleasing personality, his kindness and fairness have won for him a place in the hearts of all the employees. When leaving us, he carries our best wishes for his future health and for his success.



MRS. MAE H. NOONAN

Three of the faithful attaches of the hospital have passed away during the last month: Lisle P. Frelich, superintendent of nurses; Dr. Marion O. Grinstead, house officer in the Isolation Department, and Charles T. Knapp, chief cook.

We are pleased to welcome as a member of our resident staff, Dr. Harry M. McCuiston, a graduate of Tulane University, New Or-

leans, who will serve as interne until June 30, 1928.

Miss Ethel McClellan, who was formerly employed as assistant dietitian, has returned to take up her former duties.

Miss Janette McDevitt has been appointed by the Board of Education to serve as a teacher for the new children's wards in the Tuberculosis Department.

Dr. W. Gabale, health officer of Portland, Oregon, and Dr. Tadao Iwaka, chief of the Midwifery Division of Osaka Branch Hospital, Japan, were visitors during November.

Dr. Paul T. Pace has returned as a member of our resident staff. Doctor Pace served as interne at this hospital during the fiscal year 1926-1927 and is now House Officer in Medicine on the Stanford Service.

James Berney, fireman, was operated on November 23 and at this time his condition is reported as satisfactory.

Our foreman of institutional help, Gus Reysen, is also ill. Gus is missed by all and it is hoped that he will soon be able to return to duty.

Rumor says that our chief gardener, George E. Tanaka, was married on Sunday, November 20. He is away on leave of absence, so this cannot be confirmed.

Mrs. Mae H. Noonan returned to duty November 17 after an absence of two months, during which time she traveled over seven thousand miles around the state of California, visiting Native Daughter parlors in her official capacity as Grand President of that organization.

Our chief dietitian furnished the following as the Thanksgiving Day menu: Roast turkey, giblet gravy, dressing, mashed potatoes, string beans, cranberry sauce, plum pudding and vanilla sauce, nuts, raisins, apples, oranges, coffee, tea, milk. Approximately 1500 pounds of Turkey were served to the employees and patients in the institution.

We are happy to say that Miss Amelia Bostrom, our information desk clerk, is well on the way to recovery. While stepping from a street car, she fell and broke her arm.

The number of patients is constantly increasing. On November 24 the daily report showed 850.

Local Artist Opens Downtown Studio

THOMAS GROVE JACQUES, who has achieved a notable success in the field of art in San Francisco, and whose work in previous issues of the Municipal Employee has attracted considerable attention, has announced the opening of a studio at 617 Montgomery Street.

Mr. Jacques has been drawing the covers for the Municipal Employee since the magazine started publication, and in this month's issue has also illustrated Mr. Boyen's article on the history of will making.

During the last six years Mr. Jacques has been busy in the realm of commercial art in San Francisco. He has drawn many of the covers for Motorland, all of the road maps of the National Automobile Club and tour maps, bird's-eye views and San Francisco street maps for the Pacific Sightseeing Company.

Among other clients he numbers Oppenheim Trunks, Eastern Outfitting Company, The Emporium, Ellis Market Furniture Company, Bullions, San Francisco

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Mrs. Clara A. Webster, wife of Reginald H. Webster, former superintendent of the San Francisco public schools, passed away in Oakland November 24 at the age of 69 years.

Superintendent of Parks John McLaren has recommended the purchase by the city of ten blocks in the Marina district as an addition to Marina Park.

City and County Offices

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much heavier than in Cairo, which hasn't anywhere near our population?"

"No," she responded, "the Cairo taxes are about the same. But there's one thing I will say; if it wasn't that my husband was born in California, I'd go back there. When anyone overlooks tax payments there they don't go to work and impose a lot of needless penalties and sell the property to the state."

"Even at that," said Judge, "you must admit that California puts it all over Egypt in the matter of climate."

"Egypt? Where do you get that Egypt stuff?" she asked. "I was born in Cairo, Illinois, and my father was superintendent of the stock-yards in East St. Louis."

Boyle was starting away when a big, fine appearing negro came in about taxes and introduced himself.

"My name is George W. Watterson," he said, "and I own up that I forgot all about paying my taxes last year."

As Judge fixed his certificate he said: "You're only one of thousands who do that. It's quite a long time, though, since you were in Louisville, isn't it, George?"

"My gracious, yes, suh! yes, suh!" he answered; "it surely is a long time; I can scarcely remember it."

And as he went to the treasury to make payment, Boyle, who was by now more deeply impressed, remarked: "It gets me how you can place them like that."

Judge replied: "It isn't really anything one can explain satisfactorily to others. It is something like when a bar of music in a strange composition will suddenly stir memories of an old loved melody of boyhood. When you see an individual with some pronounced trait you vision a familiar street or railroad station or some identifying feature of a place with which the personage will be associated."

The colored man came back just then with his receipt, and to further impress the Auditor, Judge queried: "About how many years might it be since you left Louisville?"

"I can't just tell exactly," replied the negro, "but it must be a good many years. You see, I never was in Louisville in all my life. I was born in Oakland and never set foot out of California. I've got a sister who is something of a nut, too, and we had to send her to the State Hospital at Stockton."

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

IN DECIDING the case of Hunt versus Boyle, in which case the city, as a defendant, was represented by City Attorney John J. O'Toole, Superior Judge Frank J. Murasky dissolved a temporary restraining order which has been delaying the work on the Judah street line of the Municipal Railway for some six weeks or more.

Reuben Hunt, a local attorney, claimed that each line of the municipal system was a separate utility and that the municipality had no right to use money from the "old depreciation" fund to build the Judah street line. Judge Murasky, however, ruled otherwise, holding that the Judah street extension and all other extensions and lines of the Municipal Railway are

parts of one single system and that, therefore, the city is privileged to use the surplus in the old depreciation fund for building the line.

Work on the line should be completed during the early part of next year as it is very unlikely that Hunt will formulate an appeal as the decision of Judge Murasky is extremely well founded.

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A great deal of praise is due Henry Heidelberg, deputy city attorney, who specialized in defending damage suits brought against the City and County of San Francisco. Mr. Heidelberg has defended the city in eighteen damage cases, in seventeen of which juries brought in verdicts favorable to the city.

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We are pleased to report that during the last week there were no birth certificates recorded by any members of our staff.

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Dion Holm is certainly in the "proper mental attitude" since his Alma Mater, Santa Clara, won an overwhelming victory over the Stanford Red Shirts on November 12. We sincerely hope, for the good of our office morale, that Santa Clara will take the Saint Mary's outfit into camp when the two meet in the "big little" game.

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Our good friend, John Dailey, special counsel in the Pacific Gas and Electric and the Great Western valuation proceedings, recently returned from a scientific exploration of the Klamath River country where he was busily engaged in pursuing the elusive steelhead trout. On his return a conference was called to determine the relative merits of specimens caught in and around Hetch Hetchy and those caught on the Klamath. After taking one home for dinner it was Mr. O'Toole's opinion that John Dailey should extend his scientific explorations.

THE RECORDER'S OFFICE

By Wesley J. McKee

THE day before Thanksgiving, Leopold received two mysterious telephone calls. He refused to divulge their source, but was heard to say after leaving the phone, "New Cadillac, Walnuts up."

Joe Dupuie has left his pal. He moved his seat by request. He is missed very much by the writer and Sadie.

Grandad Bill McCarthy bought his grandson a dandy new velocipede for Christmas. Ed Walsh reports he saw Bill trying it out along Haight Street the other night.

We are soon to lose one of our fairest copyists. Jessie is to be married next June. That means another quarter.

The way Joe Hayes has been picking them lately beats Bank of Italy stock all to pieces.

There was a bet recorded in the office the other day as to which was the older, Frank McLane's typewriter or Lester Livingstone's automobile.

Charles Allen has learned to tie a bow tie and is now buying up all Joe Dupuie's old ones.

Vets Honored by Herz Appointment

SAN FRANCISCO'S newest supervisor, James I. Herz, stock broker and world war hero, took up his duties last Monday when he was welcomed to his first meeting by the Mayor and his fellow board members. He was appointed to fill out the vacancy caused by the death of Supervisor Edwin G. Bath.

"Jimmy" Herz is still in his early thirties but he has had time already to win a high place in the business world in addition to medals of honor from two foreign nations as well as from his native land. He also served at one time as superintendent of the city's playgrounds.

His appointment was announced by Mayor Rolph as a compliment to the veterans. He will hold office for just one month, the appointment having been made on December 1 and the new members of the board, elected on November 8, taking office on the first of the year.

Immediately after he was informed over the telephone by the Mayor that he had been appointed, "Jimmy" came to the City Hall and was sworn in.

In making public the appointment Mayor Rolph issued the following statement:

"I have appointed James I. Herz, the fighting Sergeant Major of the famous 363rd Infantry, San Francisco's own regiment of the Ninety-first (Wild

West) Division, to the office of Supervisor to fill the unexpired term of the late Edwin G. Bath.

"I pay this compliment to Supervisor Herz because he is one of the outstanding characters of the younger generation of our city.

"In naming him I wish to compliment the veterans of the city whom he so well represents. He left the University of California in his third year as a brilliant student to spend two years in service. He was in the thick of the fighting, fought in the St. Mihiel, the Meuse-Argonne and the Ypres-Lys offensives with his famous division and came home with the Distinguished Service Cross of the United States, the Medal Militaire of France, which corresponds to our Congressional Medal of Honor, the Belgian Croix de Guerre and a personal citation for bravery from General Pershing.

"The new Supervisor is the president of the Ninety-first Division Association, is a past president of the 363rd Infantry Association and in private life is a member of the San Francisco Stock Exchange with a clean and honorable record.

"I wish that this appointment might be for a longer term as I know that the city would be most fortunate to have the service of this progressive young man of education and ability on its Board of Supervisors."

Foreign Women Aided by Local Schools

By MISS ETHEL SWAIN

Acting Supervisor of Adult Education

THE San Francisco City Schools, in step with all the large cities of the United States which have a large foreign population, offer opportunities to women seeking to speak, read and write English and to gain their citizenship papers.

A survey for the first month of the school year 1927-28 shows four home teachers conducting classes for women unable to attend the evening school classes; classes in thirteen schools located in the foreign districts; twenty-five nationalities represented; 338 women enrolled on the last day of the month. What it means for a mother-housewife to go to school four hours a week probably only another busy mother-housewife can answer. However, several of the women are going to classes six and even eight hours a week, so eager are they for the knowledge of English and all that English opens to them.

Weekly the number of women enrolled increases, as the foreign women, as well as the City School Department, realize that without an understanding of English they are unable to understand and co-operate with the school and community; that their children drift away from home, law and order; that they must now gain their citizenship independent of their husbands. Since the inauguration of these classes for women, foreign women are becoming active members of the Parent Teacher Associations of the various schools and taking out their citizenship papers in larger numbers. It was predicted that the Japanese women could not be persuaded to come to a school class; yet Emerson School boasts a class of twenty-six

Japanese women eager to learn English and become active co-workers in the progress of Emerson School.

The recent state registration of minors shows a very large number of parents unable to speak, read and write English and many illiterate in all languages. The San Francisco program is to reach such parents and encourage them to register in either the evening school classes or the day classes designed for those unable to take advantage of the evening classes; for a city can be no better, no wiser than the citizens that make up that city.

The California State Legislature, realizing the importance of the education of the mothers of the community, passed, in 1915, the Home Teacher Act permitting cities to employ the services of home teachers for women's classes. Los Angeles was the first city to take advantage of this educational opportunity, opening classes in 1916. San Francisco has not been a laggard in this important field of adult education and considers the education of the foreign-born an important department of the City Schools.

The new San Francisco Health Farm, a tuberculosis sanitarium occupying 310 acres in San Mateo County, was opened October 27 with the transfer of five patients from the tuberculosis ward of the San Francisco Hospital.

The new Edison school at Twenty-third and Dolores streets was formally dedicated November 13. Alfred I. Esberg, president of the Board of Education, acted as chairman of the day.

Parks and Museums

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children's playground in Golden Gate Park, which was originally planned for Armistice Day, will take place on Sunday, December 4, at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Luther Burbank, widow of the great originator of new varieties of plants, has given twelve walnut trees, among her late husband's productions, to be planted in John McLaren Park, as a token of his regard for the Park Superintendent.

Palace of the Legion of Honor

BEGINNING on December 21 and continuing until January 22, there will be an exhibition of ninety-seven water-color paintings by American artists, and fifty-two by foreign artists, at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park. This is the Seventh International Water Color Circuit Exhibition, and is being handled by the Art Institute of Chicago.

The public is to be congratulated upon the fact that the Carl W. Hamilton exhibition of Italian Renaissance furniture, paintings by Old Masters and other art objects, as well as the two galleries of modern art works, including paintings and sculpture, are to remain at the Palace of the Legion of Honor until January 6. This show has been on since September 1 and was originally arranged for two months only. It is notable that several additions have been made to the modern collection, including drawings by Maurice Sterne, greatest modern draughtsman, and paintings by Bruce.

The San Francisco Bay Branch of the American Society of University Women held its fourth meeting at the Legion Palace Saturday, November 26. The members enjoyed a luncheon in the tea room and listened to a lecture on "Woman's Service to Modern Art" by Mrs. Rose V. S. Berry, author, who is now living in Berkeley and is engaged in writing a book on the history of American art. Uda Waldrop's concert on the pipe organ was also a feature of the afternoon.

An unusual exhibit has been installed at the Legion Palace, consisting of thirty-five paintings by the Japanese artist, Noboru Foujioka, who was born in Japan, educated there, in the United States and in France, and who uses as subjects current American life, which he paints in satirical vein. His canvases include "The Charleston," "The Strap-Hangers," a group of crap-shooters, and others. This artist shows the combination of the influences of the Ukiyo-ye school of Japan with the modernist tendencies of Paris. The results are extremely interesting.

M. H. deYoung Memorial Museum

THE M. H. deYoung Memorial Museum has the distinction of having the largest attendance of any museum in America. This fact is brought out in connection with the announcement that the number of visitors during the year 1926 was 2,080,163, for the first six months of 1927 was 1,018,586, and for the nine months ended September 30 was 1,704,732.

The Metropolitan Museum of New York City, in the greatest city of the country, in 1926 had only 1,228,391 visitors, and the number at the Smithsonian in Wash-

ington, D. C., for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926, was 1,106,305. The deYoung Museum attendance is attributed to the great variety of its exhibits, appealing to all tastes, to its location in Golden Gate Park, one of the show places of the country where many tourists come, to the fact that the schools make use of its exhibits for educational purposes, and to various other reasons.

The lecture schedule at the deYoung Museum for December includes the following: the 4th, Louis C. Towne in the Textile gallery; the 7th and 11th, Miss Helen Gordon Barker in Statuary Hall; the 14th and 18th, Mr. Towne in the gallery of Oriental Ceramics; the 21st and 25th, Miss Barker in Egyptian Hall; and the 28th, Mr. Towne in the Numismatics gallery. The Sunday lectures are given at 4 p. m. and the Wednesday lectures at 2. All are free to the public.

Tribute Paid to St. Francis

THE city of San Francisco paid a colorful tribute on the evening of November 22 to its patron saint, Saint Francis of Assisi. Churches of all denominations, the army and navy, and even foreign nations were represented at the fete celebrated in the Civic Auditorium on the seventh centenary of the death of the celebrated monk.

Premier Mussolini of Italy, dictator of the country which gave St. Francis to the world, sent a cablegram to the city conveying his greetings to San Francisco and joining in the spirit of the celebration. The Church of St. Francis, named after the city's patron, was represented by an archbishop and a bishop.

A musical entertainment of extraordinary merit was provided by the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, the San Francisco Municipal Chorus and the Franciscan Chorus from Fruitvale and Santa Barbara Missions.

Former United States Senator James D. Phelan, chairman of the general committee which arranged the celebration, delivered the introduction, presenting Mayor Rolph. The remarkable life of St. Francis and the value of his example to the world were discussed by Brother Leo of St. Mary's College and Dean Paul F. Cadman of the University of California.

Rt. Reverend Edward L. Parsons, Episcopal Bishop of California delivered an appreciation while the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco delivered the invocation.

In his cablegram to the city Premier Mussolini of Italy said:

"It is particularly pleasing to me to learn that, in the city which is named after him, there is going to be celebrated the centenary of St. Francis of Assisi. From this celebration the Italian government draws the most happy auspices for the future of the many Italians that live in hospitable California. The Italian government, joining in spirit in this celebration, sends its friendly greetings."

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BODEN NAMED ASSISTANT DEFENDER

Attorney Charles R. Boden has been appointed assistant Public Defender to take the place of Michael Brown, who resigned to enter private practice. Boden is the son of the late Michael Boden, former assistant to the chief of the fire department. He was formerly a reporter on a local newspaper. He assumed his new duties under Public Defender Frank Egan on November 7.

The Irish Tree and the Forty-Ninth Hole

FOREMAN FRANK SLATTERY in Golden Gate Park was occupied several weeks ago in laying out a state grove in which trees representing each state of the union were to be planted. Frank turned loose his gang to dig holes for the distinguished members of the forestration family and all went well until he made his check to see how near the boys were to the last. Then to his consternation he discovered that he had forty-nine holes instead of forty-eight. His good looking countenance puckered in thought as he pondered the problem of what to put in the extra hole. As he paced up and down the Meadow he appeared so disturbed that the gang noticed it.

"What's annihilating Slattery now?" they asked. Just then along came McShane. "My God, Frank," he exclaimed, "you look ten years older than you did yesterday. Has your last friend been carted off to Holy Cross?" Slattery explained the dilemma he was in. "And here I am now," he finished up almost on the verge of tears "with an extra hole on my hands and nothing to put in it."

"If that's all that's bothering you," replied Mac, laughing, "rub the wrinkles out of your brow. Make the last hole an Irish hole and put a tree in it representing Ireland."

The carelined face smoothed out into a smile. "Give me your hand," shouted Slattery. "You've taken a tremendous load off my mind." So during the noon hour Frank called together all the Irishmen in his gang and laid before them the problem of the forty-ninth hole.

"Now you choose the tree to represent Ireland," he ended up grandly.

But the problem was not so easily settled. Two factions sprang up among the Irishmen present. Several of the boys were good Republican Irishmen and they settled on one kind of a tree. But several of the boys were violent Free Staters and would have nothing to do with a Republican tree. They said so, too, in terms that could not be misunderstood.

"But," said Frank, "I'm a friend to all of you. At the same time I want you to know that I can't plant two trees in one hole. I must remain neutral in your controversy." Then a broad grin spread itself from ear to ear. "However," he finished up, "I'm going to please both factions of you. I have an idea. I intend to plant an orange tree in the Irish hole."

BUREAU OF SUPPLIES

By Sister Susie

WHAT will Dan do with the other bag, now that the first one came to light? He will surely have to take something for his careless habits, or else buy things wholesale. He can get a good training at that in our office at any rate.

Bubbles cannot hope to get it and so we hope it stays in the family.

Bubbles has a sister in the hall now. Someone heard about it, too. It wasn't Dan, either.

Now that the election and football games are over, what is left to bet on?

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EDITOR Municipal Employee: This opportunity is taken by me to extend my thanks and appreciation for the help and assistance which I have received in the recent campaign among my many friends in the City Hall. One of the most pleasing experiences which came to me was the fact that so many of my friends and acquaintances supported my candidacy to the utmost extent.

I wish I were able to see everyone individually and express to them my thanks. However, I wish them to know through your publication that I am more than grateful for their kindness and assistance.

Let me hope that I may be able to fulfill the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the credit of my friends and for the betterment of our city government.

Yours very truly,

W. J. FITZGERALD.

Editor Municipal Employee: To the thousands who endorsed the principles upon which my campaign is based I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude, deep appreciation and thanks, especially to the Municipal Employee.

RUSSEL L. WOLDEN.

Editor Municipal Employee: I am deeply grateful to the municipal employees who worked for my success at the last election. I want particularly to express my gratitude to those citizens of the Sunset district who were so ardent in my support.

DR. J. M. TONER.

Supervisor Gallagher Weds

WHILE some 70,000 citizens were voting for him on election day, Supervisor Andrew J. Gallagher surrendered to the wiles of Cupid and married Mrs. Violet Cronin, a friend of many years. Mrs. Cronin is the widow of the late Jeremiah Cronin, a San Francisco contractor. The wedding was to have been kept a secret and the couple planned to vote quietly on election day before the nuptial knot was tied, and then to go away on an equally quiet honeymoon. However, when the supervisor appeared at the county clerk's office November 4 to make application for the license the "secret" leaked out for all to know.

Separate contracts on mill work jobs are now required on city construction work following passage last month of an ordinance by the Board of Supervisors. The bill was passed when it became known that some city work was being sub-let to out-of-town contractors while 20,000 local mill workers were idle.

Two and a half tons of turkey, half a ton of cranberries and half a ton of sweet potatoes were purchased by the City of San Francisco for Thanksgiving dinners this year. Patients at the Laguna Honda Home, the San Francisco Hospital and other institutions were given a real Thanksgiving dinner.

Police Captain Reardon Has Meteoric Rise

THE promotion on November 8 of Lieutenant Michael Reardon to the rank of captain marks one of the most remarkable advances in the history of the local police department. And the advance was made on sheer merit.

Fourteen years ago Captain Reardon was a newcomer on the police force. Twenty years ago he was a boy in Ireland. In March, 1907, he set aside his previous ambition to become a professor of Gaelic and set sail from Queenstown, Ireland, for San Francisco, where were known to reside some relatives of his family in County Kerry. Young Reardon was then eighteen years old.



—Police Dept. Photo

He picked up a job on his arrival here and soon made up his mind to join the police force. In 1912 he took the civil service examination and stood fifth on the list. On March 31, 1913, six years to the day from the time he sailed out of Queenstown, he was appointed to the force.

But this was just the beginning for him. While he pounded the pavements on the night shift he spent his afternoons in study. After a while it occurred to him that a knowledge of the law would be useful, so he registered at St. Ignatius College and attended classes as regularly as his duties permitted.

Then the war intervened. Reardon did nothing by halves. He put aside his law books, "joined up" with the army and soon found himself a sergeant major in the Fifty-fifth Engineers.

After the war he came back and took his law books down from the shelf again. In 1921 the world became Reardon's oyster. He was admitted to the bar in January as a full-fledged attorney, and in April received his first promotion in the police department. He was made a corporal. But he kept on taking civil service examinations. In March, 1923, he was made a sergeant, and in September of the same year a lieutenant.

Then Captain Goff took a leave of absence to take over the job of prohibition enforcement, and in 1925 Reardon was made temporary captain and put in charge of the Southern Station.

In his spare moments the advancing police officer had time to consider his responsibilities toward posterity, too, and he now has a wife and two children to share with him his proud record.

Mayor Rolph has been invited by Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago to attend the National Air Ports Conference to be held there December 12 to 15.

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Recreation Meet Held

OFFICIALS and employees of the Playground Commission acted as hosts to fifty recreation leaders of California at the Northern California District Recreation Conference held Saturday, November 26. The conference was held under the auspices of the Playground and Recreation Association of America.

The opening meeting was held at the City Hall with Bert Swenson, Superintendent of Recreation in Stockton, in the chair. At a round table conference the delegates discussed "Aids to Personal Efficiency," "Aids to Efficiency in Administration" and "New Winter Program Features."

At a luncheon meeting in the Women's Building at Sutter and Mason Streets George W. Braden, western representative of the Playground and Recreation Association of America presided. Constant J. Auger, San Francisco Playground Commissioner, extended a welcome to the visitors. "Physical Education and Play" was discussed by N. P. Neilson of Sacramento. An interesting feature of the meeting was a talk by fourteen-year-old Lim Lee, Chinese boy, on "What We think of the New Chinese Playground."

Josephine Dows Randall, Superintendent of Recreation of the San Francisco Playground Commission, presided over the afternoon session. The visitors were invited to attend the exhibition tennis match given by Helen Wills during the afternoon at the Kezar courts for the playground children.

Fire Department

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department when your captain can give you a run?

Rainey of Engine 47 is still wearing his straw hat. Guess it must be summer out there yet, Sam.

Captain McGinn of Engine 15 has answered his last alarm of fire, as he retired from active service on December 1, 1927. The members of his company gave him a nice dinner and presented him with a gold cigarette case.

The radio war is still on at the office. Favilla now claims that he brings in station JOAK, which is located in Japan. No doubt he means station J-O-K-E.

It is rumored that Dan O'Neil of the blacksmith shop is to open a dancing school. No doubt you will store the trophies in the shop, Dan.

George Stewart of the yard can be seen most any evening holding up the poles in the vicinity of Polk and Sutter streets.

Tom Buckley of the yard is sure to be fixed for Christmas by the boys. Tom always takes care of them in the rainy weather.

Pat Brandon, better known as the Petaluma Kid around the yard, is wondering what to do with his Christmas neckties.

Driver Joe Flood of Engine 2 has purchased a two-seater Harley and has been seen several nights and days off on his bike with Hoseman Anderson.

Lieutenant Hannon of Engine 2 has been on his vacation and has been practicing lefts and rights.

Operator Henning has purchased a stool and overcoat for Box 297.

Schools Mourn Teacher

THE death on October 2 of Mrs. C. R. Pechin, for many years one of the most prominent educators in the city of San Francisco, caused sorrow to thousands of people. During the many years of her work in the public school department of the city she was, at different times, the head of four important schools, and the clarity and definiteness of her work impressed deeply those who came in contact with her professionally.

For she was an educator of rare abilities. Teaching was her life, and she trained teachers as well as pupils. "Madam," as she was always affectionately called, a title recognized all through the department as hers, was of French parentage and her acquaintance with the Latin languages and her genial nature and broad sympathies made her a valuable link between the Americans and the Latin peoples who sent their children to the schools with which she was identified, the Jean Parker school in particular.

Mrs. Pechin was a woman of winning personality, of crystalline candor of nature, of uncalculating generosity and her every action was guided by her unswerving integrity. Universally trusted and beloved, the modesty of her nature prevented her from realizing the high place she occupied in the esteem of those who surrounded her inside and outside of her professional life. Many a young teacher gained from her help, encouragement and inspiration. She was ever appreciative of good work and by her constructive criticism, her cheerful commendation and her wonderful example of untiring effort, she fired others with enthusiasm.

Two years ago "Madam" retired from the school department after more than fifty years of continuous service, but she kept in touch with school affairs and was an active member of the Jean Parker Parent Teacher Association. She will be sadly missed, but her memory will long be cherished and her corps of teachers at the Jean Parker school will strive to carry on the work she so nobly inaugurated.

Attend School Meet

THE following delegates from the San Francisco Kindergarten-Primary Council were delegated to attend the annual meeting of the California Kindergarten-Primary Association at Los Angeles on Friday, November 25, and Saturday, November 26:

Etta Tessmer, principal Taylor School; Genevieve McGivney, vice-principal Taylor School; Anita Rhoades, Kindergarten teacher Golden Gate School; Marguerite Collymore, Kindergarten teacher Bryant School; Florence Einter, helping teacher, Kindergarten-Primary Department; Ethel Dauphiny, helping teacher Kindergarten-Primary Department; Thelma Starr, president San Francisco Kindergarten-Primary Council; Audrey Grove, Kindergarten teacher Balboa School; Miss Coffey, principal Emerson School; Miss Ames, primary teacher, Hawthorne School; Lavinia McMurdo, corresponding secretary California Kindergarten-Primary Association; Julia L. Hahn, president California Kindergarten-Primary Association.

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Hetchy Work Progresses

CITY Engineer M. M. O'Shaughnessy completed an inspection trip over the Hetch Hetchy project during the last week in October and reported on his return that rapid progress is being made.

"I inspected the tunnel progress of the Hetch Hetchy," he said, "and find there is 64,565 feet of tunnel made to date between Moccasin Power House and the San Joaquin Valley, or 12.23 miles of excavated tunnel. The remaining tunnels in this division amount to 3.61 miles, which should be excavated inside the next six months. In the meantime the concrete tunnel lining will proceed and it is hoped to have all those tunnels finished and ready to convey water inside of one year.

"The by-pass tunnel, ten feet in diameter, of concrete, has been built under the Moccasin dam to pass flood water for the time being. It is of most substantial concrete construction. The water in the meantime will be by-passed through a large flume so as not to submerge the dam foundations. The remaining material excavated from the tunnel will now be deposited inside the section of the dam.

"There is a splendid spirit of enthusiasm among all the men and work is progressing in a very harmonious manner.

"Practically all the right of way has been obtained for the 26 mile tunnel between Corral Hollow and Irvington. Roads have been excavated and shafts are being sunk to meet the five working points from which the tunnel will be excavated. The shaft at Mocho is down a depth of 336 feet. At Mitchell Camp the head-frame for this shaft has been constructed. At Seco substation the contact with the main transmission line has been made and the foundations completed for the substation as a whole, and it is hoped to have energy delivered to camps inside of thirty days. At Indian Camp the shaft is down four feet and the transmission line crew to carry energy to all the shafts comprises 51 men, and is working actively erecting poles and building transmission lines.

"So it is safe to say that the work is progressing in a most energetic manner."

Helen Wills City's Guest

HELEN WILLS, known affectionately to tennis enthusiasts as "Little Poker Face," was the guest of the Playground Commission at a reception in the rotunda of the City Hall on November 4 when she was presented with a bust of herself, the work of Haig Patigian, famous San Francisco sculptor. This is the first time Miss Wills has consented to make a public appearance.

Former Senator James D. Phelan, president of the Playground Commission, presided at the ceremonies and introduced Mayor Rolph, who delivered a eulogy of the fair tennis champion. A huge laurel wreath and a tennis racquet of flowers were presented by Mary Larkin of the Richmond Playground and Ruth Angeles of the Hamilton Playground. Sixteen girls from the city's playgrounds stood behind their idol as a guard of honor during the ceremonies.

On the afternoon of November 26 Miss Wills participated in an exhibition match at the Kezar courts for the playground children.



Employees Retirement System

FOLLOWING is a statement of retirements and payments during October of the San Francisco City Employees' Retirement System:

RETIRED FOR SERVICE

Board of Education: Fannie P. Bronson, principal; Mary E. Gaffney, janitress; Elizabeth S. Louderback, teacher; Julia McDonald, teacher.

Board of Public Works: James H. Hunter, cleaner.

DEATH CLAIMS PAID

Board of Education: Mabel O. Mahoney, teacher, \$1,022.83; J. Albert Winchester, teacher, \$1,192.38.

Park: Alexander M. Young, laborer, \$1,209.20.

Board of Public Works: John P. Horgan, chief building inspector, \$4,439.45; Augustus D. Phares, surveyor, \$2,353.62; James J. Moriarty, conductor, \$1,356.34.

Total death claims paid during October, \$11,573.82.

Retirement allowances paid to retired members during October, \$25,316.59.

Accumulated contributions returned to members leaving city service during October, \$3,004.29.

Total payments to beneficiaries, retired members and ex-members, \$39,894.70.

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School Employment

By LEYNORD GRAY

ONE thousand and five junior employees were placed by the San Francisco Free Junior Employment Service between August 15 and November 1, this year.

This, compared with 554 placed during the same period last year, impressively indicates the rapidly growing popularity of this department of the municipal service.

This important office is listed in the telephone directory under Employment Service Junior. The address is 131 McAllister Street and the phone is Hemlock 6379.

Through this department employers may obtain recommended boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 21. No charge is made either to the employer or the youth. The bureau has a comprehensive record of each youngster and can save employers much time by sending to them immediately a boy or girl that will fill the employer's needs.

Children under eighteen years of age are required to attend school four hours a week, but the employment bureau works very closely with the Part Time High School and thus arrangements can always be made to suit the employer's needs and the student can be placed in classes especially designed to enhance the junior employee's worth to his new boss.

Miss Honor Whidden is the director of the Free Junior Employment Service. She is a specialist in this line.

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Of Interest to Women

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tulle, and any youth is likely to straighten up if his shirt bosom reminds him to.

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FRUITS OF THE FRYING KETTLE

By Martha Adams

The Best Foods Home Economic Service

IF YOU have failed at times to achieve a perfect specimen of deep-fat-fried food, what have you diagnosed to be the seat of the trouble? The kettle? The frying fat? The mixture fried? Temperature? Handling? Luck? Or don't you know?

Perhaps the very first requisite for successful deep frying is the right kind of kettle. It must set firmly and solidly on the stove, be heavy enough to remain in place if jarred by accident, and should be sturdy enough to keep the hot fat from cooling too soon, or being fitful in temperature, so that an uneven batch of food is turned out. The kettle should be assisted in its important work by a frying basket, which saves the cook's hands and arms from any possible danger.

Next in importance is the fat selected for frying. You may set your mind at rest on this score if you use Best Foods Shortening. You now can enjoy success with the actual process of preparing fried foods, and have another wonderful advantage as well. Best Foods Shortening takes the indigestibility out of fried foods. The reason is obvious, yet few cooks, strangely enough, are aware of it. Frying fat decomposes when it starts to smoke, and forms fatty acids which are often the cause of distress after eating fried foods. The solution lies in using Best Foods Shortening, since it smokes only at a very high temperature, and need not reach this point to be adequately hot for any frying work. Best Foods Shortening is thus proved a perfect frying fat, and in addition is delicate enough in itself to be prized as an ingredient for far more fragile dainties than doughnuts and fritters.

Many cooks believe the fat in the frying kettle must be very deep. Others keep it at the two-thirds mark. We have found that a good frying kettle one-third full of melted Best Foods Shortening permits us to fry all types of mixtures to a crisp golden brown without spattering or boiling up. In this way danger to face and hands is out of the question. But the melted shortening must be deep enough to cover all the food to be fried at one time. Breadth in the kettle used will make this easily possible.

Let the shortening melt slowly, and when ready to test its heat, use a thermometer if possible. Otherwise the familiar "bread test" is a reliable guide. A bit of the mixture to be fried may be dropped in for testing, but a bread cube which browns in the right number of seconds (which should be counted, not too fast, while it is immersed in the shortening) is the best general indication of the temperature. In general, croquettes and other cooked mixtures should be fried in hot shortening which browns a cube of bread in forty seconds. Fritters and doughnuts, and other uncooked batter mixtures, are best fried in shortening which is hot enough to brown a bit of bread in sixty seconds. The popular French fried potato comes out done to a

turn after frying in shortening heated to brown a bread cube in forty seconds.

A great deal of food need not be fried at one time. Each individual doughnut or croquette should be so placed in the shortening as not to touch its neighbor. When each portion has browned delicately, raise the frying basket, suspend the food over the kettle a moment to drip, and drain it on paper. Let the shortening reheat a few moments before frying again, and use the bread test to be sure that the right temperature has been reached.

Before lowering the first batch of croquettes or other dainties into the melted shortening, dip the frying basket into the kettle for a moment to be oiled and heated. Remember that anything cold lowered into the hot shortening lowers its temperature, and that a few moments' pause between operations insures uniformity in each group of croquettes and fritters fried in Best Foods Shortening.

Highway Work to Start

AN EARLY start on boulevard construction authorized by voters at the November election is planned by the Board of Supervisors. The bond issue for \$9,380,000, which received more than the necessary two-thirds vote on November 8, provides for construction of the Bay Shore Highway, Alemany Boulevard, Junipero Serra Boulevard, Nineteenth Avenue extension, Sunset Boulevard, the Esplanade, and the Great Highway and Van Ness Avenue extensions. Under a resolution introduced at a recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors and unanimously adopted without being sent to committee, the mayor, city engineer and superintendent of parks are asked to recommend a schedule for construction work, naming the sequence in which the projects shall be undertaken, the amount of money required for each and the periods when the money shall be made available to provide for their "speedy, uninterrupted and economic" construction.

A memorial tablet bearing the names of all Gold Star mothers in San Francisco will be erected in the court of the new War Memorial by authorization of the Board of Supervisors. The resolution was introduced by Supervisor James B. McSheehy.

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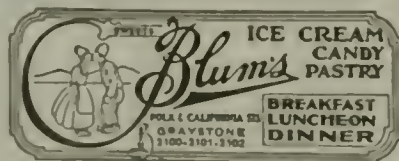
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In the Polk-Larkin district these two representatives

of the city government are not only known but have won the respect and affection of all. They are Police Captain J. J. Casey of the Bush Street station and Battalion Chief F. J. Bowlen of District 4. Both have honorable records in their departments and have won advancement through sheer worth.

Captain Casey joined the police force as a patrol-

man in 1904 and won recognition when he shot and killed a hold-up man in a vacant lot on Sutter Street near Larkin in 1910.

Chief Bowlen has had no occasion to battle to the death with thugs, but during his quarter of a century of service with the fire department he has battled many a dangerous fire. He was originally appointed to the department in 1903 when he was assigned to Truck 4.



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pupil, who composed a poem upon the flight of Colonel Lindbergh. He expressed in his own way the inspiration that the glorious feat of another youth meant to him. The physical side of the children is well provided for under the able leadership of Miss Cora Noonan.—Hilda M. May, correspondent.

Cabrillo School—Miss Cooper's 6A class presented a Hallowe'en play entitled "Earth Magic" which differed from usual Hallowe'en practice by teaching a splendid lesson. It portrayed the progress of the world since the reputed witches practiced their black arts. In the play a boy of the present time astonishes the Hallowe'en goblins who are on a visit to the earth by showing them the magic of the telephone, the radio, electric lights and modern plumbing. The Cabrillo Parent Teacher Association is showing an intense activity in the work of the school.—Lorraine P. Caylor, correspondent.

Franklin School—The 8A history class, accompanied by its teacher, Mrs. Mary Turner, visited Angel Island on October 20. A guide conducted the class through the immigration station and explained the federal laws regarding Chinese and Japanese, who constitute the major part of the immigrants who arrive in San Francisco. Following the trip the class had some interesting discussions of present immigration restrictions. On another occasion a delightful visit was paid to Muir Woods in Marin County. The thrift program launched two years ago is bearing fruit. Each week Mrs. G. P. Sheffield, the capable teacher in charge, reports all classes one hundred per cent.—Anna Gardemeyer, correspondent.

Laguna Honda School—Among teachers enjoying an extended summer vacation was Miss Margery McArthur of the Domestic Science department who, with her sister, Helen McArthur of the Argonne school, took a trip around the world. The tour extended from May 21 to August 22 and gave the teachers an opportunity to see the wonder places of the world in the Orient and Africa as well as in Europe. At Singapore the palace of the Sultan was visited and at Penang hundreds of live reptiles were seen in the Snake Temple. A ride through the jungle in Eastern Asia proved another interesting feature. The itinerary called for a visit to Nanking but owing to the trouble in China at that time this trip was canceled. Their modes of travel included the jinriksha in Japan, the sedan chair in China, the elephant in Kandy, the camel in Egypt, and the airplane from Paris to London.—Maud Coonan, correspondent.

Daniel Webster School—A selected group of boys from the Ethan Allen school with their principal, Miss Rae Alexander, attended an interesting meeting of our student body on October 28 in the school auditorium. The dramatic club presented a one-act play followed by a business meeting and a rally for the track team which nearly succeeded in capturing the city cup at the Golden Gate Park stadium. It lost to Laguna Honda by one point. Glenn T. Mack, supervisor of athletics, gave medals to winners of events, and R. F. Gray, principal, gave "blocks" to fifteen team members. The school's band, the only grammar school band in the city, played during the intermissions.—Evelyn D. Spellman, correspondent.

Dudley Stone School—Time was when the "little hopefuls" of the rising generation marched rather rebelliously to the dull place called school. Valiantly

they struggled with dry facts and knotty problems whose worthiness was far beyond their horizon. But how different is all this in the modern school. Practically every adult realizes that this change has come about through the introduction of new ideas in educational psychology. Organized activity gives a real incentive for learning. In practically every grade of the Dudley Stone school a weekly, monthly or term project is under way. Particularly worthy of note are some of the primary projects. The wee folk in Miss Josephine Barrett's room have brought the part of Golden Gate Park that they love so much right into their room. They have constructed a miniature Stow Lake and delight in telling about it. The second grade of Miss Lucy Fritz has nearly complete da Japanese Tea Garden. In the third grade of Miss Bertha Newman is a comprehensive project on Indian life.—Anita Beckman, correspondent.

Bay View School—Boys of the track team were the proud wearers of new track suits at the track and field meet held October 22. Fifteen suits were presented to the school by the Bay View Parent Teacher Association and are to be kept in the school for the use of the basketball and track teams.—Anita A. Judson, correspondent.

Raphael Weill School—All classes have taken the project method of education and have found it the finest method of motivating all school subjects. One of the most successful is a music project that has had the distinction of being placed on exhibit in the windows of the Emporium. It was developed by Miss Van Arsdale's 6A grade and represents a fully equipped orchestra of eighty pieces. With this is a splendid collection of music material, pictures of composers and artists traced to their European homes by color harmonies that leave no mistake in the child's mind as to the countries that have given the world the greatest number of musicians. An enlarged drawing of each instrument has been made with careful research work on the history of the same.—Mrs. Edith Cochran, correspondent.

Beloved Teacher Passes

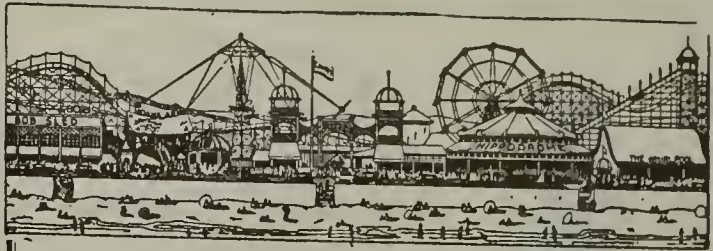
MRS. MABEL O. MAHONEY, for many years a member of the San Francisco School Department, passed away recently at her home, 163 Hartford Street from a heart attack. For many years, Mrs. Mahoney was a very successful teacher in Bernal School, where she had charge of the Opportunity Class.

During the past year, however, she has been forming and supervising classes in Corrective Speech Work throughout San Mateo County, having been appointed to that position by Mrs. Mabel Gifford of the State Board of Education. Her sympathetic nature and lovable disposition made her peculiarly fitted for this type of work and she endeared herself to both pupils and teachers.

Mrs. Mahoney is survived by her father, Mr. L. M. Benjamin of this city.

The funeral services were held at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, after which the remains were interred in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Free courses in aeronautics are to be given all school children in the bay district, according to plans of the San Francisco chapter of the National Aeronautical Association.



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Mr. Buckley is the son of Daniel J. Buckley, one of the directors of the Hibernia bank and occupies a responsible position with the Pacific Steamship Company. Miss O'Toole is a recent graduate of the Dominican college of San Rafael. Her mother, the former Christine Regan, is the daughter of the late James Regan, secretary to Archbishop Alemany during pioneer days.

The grandparents of Mr. Buckley and Mr. O'Toole journeyed together from Australia, arriving in San Francisco in April, 1849. The ties of friendship between the two families, fostered on the long voyage across the Pacific, have strengthened with the years and the wedding of the two members of the third generation will tie these families even closer together.

The marriage was solemnized at St. James Church, and, owing to the recent death of Mr. Buckley's mother, was extremely quiet.

Municipal Organizations

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sents us before the supervisors and other commissioners.

"We have fought civil service violations through the highest court of the state.

"These activities have been a heavy drain on our treasury and the many calls have far exceeded our revenue and dug deep into our reserve fund.

"We must face the issue. We have an active season ahead of us. The standardization report will be out soon and it should be satisfactory to practically every employee and we will endeavor to satisfy and protect all our members before its adoption.

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"Our fees are fifty cents a month, initiation fee one dollar. Join in the good work for our mutual benefit. Charles W. Meyer, financial secretary, can be found at the Assessor's office, City Hall, and will be glad to receive application fees and dues."

Names of officers of the association and of members of the executive committee, representing each department of the city government will be found on page 46 of this issue of the Municipal Employee.

The Steinhart Aquarium

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went east to visit and study all the aquariums in America. At this time building conditions were not good, and the Academy trustees decided to defer building for a short time. They loaned the money on very favorable terms the very day it was received and the Academy has now, September, 1927, received \$56,875.08 interest, which enabled the Trustees to provide a better building than would otherwise have been possible.

Building operations began April 1, 1922, and the Aquarium was completed and formally opened to the public September 29, 1923.

The Board of Trustees of the Aquarium comprise: William H. Crocker, President, Crocker First National Bank; Joseph D. Grant, Vice-President, 114 Sansome Street; William M. Fitzhugh, Fitzhugh Building; C. E. Grunsky, Mechanics Institute Building; M. Hall McAllister, 2436 Jackson Street; Mrs. Alexander F. Morrison, 2022 California Street; Louis F. Monteagle, Royal Insurance Building; Susie M. Peers, Secretary, California Academy of Sciences; Barton Warren Evermann, Director, California Academy of Sciences.

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Getting the Wherewithal

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together with the penalties and costs. Failing to do so the property is "by operation of law" sold to the state.

On the last day of June the tax collector must deliver to the auditor the delinquent roll for his audit and prepare and file his annual report with the mayor.

After property has been sold to the state for non-payment of taxes, you have five years within which to redeem, by payment of additional penalties, ten per cent if redeemed within six months, up to fifty per cent within five years, together with seven per cent interest per annum to date of redemption.

All redemptions are made through the auditor's office. If the property is not redeemed within five years, your property is sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

Speaking of old-timers, the following have served over a quarter of a century of continued service in this office: Joseph I. Twohig, T. P. O'Brien, John A. Lenehan, Thomas Poultney, J. K. Jones, E. C. Harrington, Joseph D. St. Clair, F. R. Smith, R. A. Miller, Rudolph Albora and Homer Warren.

The first shovelful of dirt for the new Judah Street branch of the Municipal Street car lines was turned by Mayor Rolph on November 22. The ceremony of ground-breaking was made the occasion for a celebration in the Sunset district.

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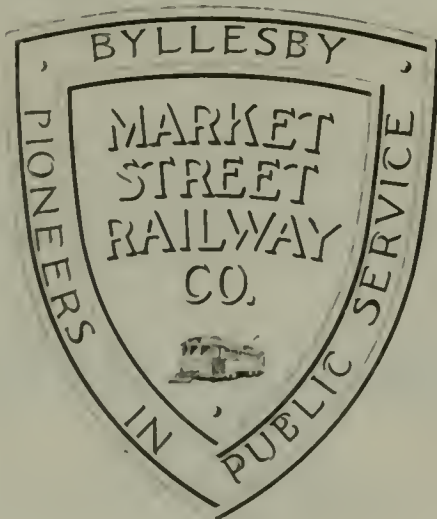
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